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生きてりゃ勝利
なんていうのは…
動物の話だ…！
オレは…
人間だ…！

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闘うからこそ人間……なのか!?

日本の男どもに着火する話題超沸騰作!!!!

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身体にか、それとも心にか。
悪夢のような長い長い夜を抜け、
黒沢はある〝覚悟〟を決める……!!!!

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I'M GOING TO DIE!!

第18話 赦し

CHAPTER 18: FORGIVENESS

I CAN'T MOVE...!

THROB THROB THROB

AGH_!

TWITCH-

TWITCH-

TWITCH-

IT'S_ IT'S NO GOOD _!

I CAN'T MOVE_

JESUS_!

MY NERVES OR SOMETHING ?

ARE THEY SEVERED ?

I'M GOING TO DIE!

AAAHH...

WHAT? WHAT IS IT?

WHA?

HUH?

THAT_

IS THIS THAT _

FLASHING BEFORE MY EYES?

IS THIS MY LIFE ?

YOU USUALLY SEE BEFORE YOU DIE_?

THAT "NEAR-DEATH EXPERIENCE" THING PEOPLE SAY

AAGH!

TWITCH

huh_?

Momoe Yamaguchi

Like this is For real_!

Give me a break_!

Quit it_!

Whaa_?

Ikue Sakakibara

Kumiko Ohba

Nana Okada

This is_

Miki

This_

Miki

What's this_?

Miki

Ran

Sui

Aaahhh_!

Kyoko Koizumi

Starting From Momoe_

Flashing by one after the...!

Generations of pop idols are...

Miho Nakayama

Noriko Sakai

Yoko Minamino

Aaaagh...!

twitch!

What_?

It's not real...!

This life_!

What is it_!

Rie Miyazawa

Ryoko Hirosue

Are these supposed to be pictures of my life...!

PYON!

Nozomi Tsuji

Mika

Mirimori.

Mari Yaguchi

Ai Kago

I can't die like this!

I can't

Gah_!

I can't die!

Ah...

And then...

My voice is working...!

Urr...

Ahh--Yes!

It was right then!

Gah!

Ugh!

Damn!

SFX. SCRAMBLE

SFX. SCURRY

SFX. VROOM

SFX. CLATTER // SLAM

Forgive me_!

For_

Mr. Kuro-sawa—_!

Mr_

Huh_?

It was my fault_!

It's all right. you don't have to_!

H_hey_!

It's not all right!

Wha_?

This is good_ .my voice is working_!

Ah_..!

I can't just die...!

SFX: DROP

Please...

I'm sorry...!

Please, Fogive me..!

SFX: PLOP // PLOP // PLOP

I'll even give you ten million..!

No..a million..

I get it..! A hundred-thousand yen..!

NO..

I know..!

No..

Just spare my life..

Please..

I'll pay it with a thirty-year loan..!

I'll even dance naked! I'll do anything_!

I'll strip_!

Ooo...

SFX: SLIP_

SFX: STAGGER

So please_

So_

Umm_

Uh_

Er_

...

Yeah, yeah_!

They left. Those guys_

SFX: SLIDE

Ha ha—

Ha ha—

It's all right now!

Your parts_

Let's get going_

Can't you pull them up_?

Um_

_Uh_

Kyahaa_!

Hah_

Ha ha_

I_

SFX: SPIN

ain't pulling them up...!

SFX: FLUMP

Leave me be!

But—

B—

Well—

I can do whatever I please!

I don't need a stupid hospital!

I'll kill myself in shame!

SFX: TREMBLE/TREMBLE/TREMBLE

SFX: TREMBLE

HUH?

Well
that's
I didn't mean
No...um

SFX: MURMUR

Uhm...
Ugh...
Uhm...

SFX: SHOCK

SFX: SUDDEN

Please come with us and...

Yes...
Y-

You guys...
Y-

...
Ack...

Show me

some respect...!

Stop looking down on me...!

Wha...?

You're a bunch of liars_!

Liar_!

We_ we don't look down on_!

Aah_

Liars_!

Liars, liars_!

I won't go_!

Ugh_

Aaargh_!

or anything like that anymore_!

I won't go back to the company_

SFX: DASH

SFX: SCURRY

Wha_?

ACK_!

TEXT: FLEE

SFX: FLOP

Huh_?

What should we do_?

Saka-guchi_-san_

...

I don't think we can do anything.

"What should we do?"

...

We can only pray_
Wait_
There's no way_!
Our timing was too off_

disappear_
to someplace far away_!
or run away_

WE CAN ONLY PRAY ...!

Chapter 19: Flight

KURO-SAWA-SAN WONT

SFX: DROP_

SFX: PANT_\\ PANT_

THAT AT THIS RATE

RUN FAR AWAY ...!

SFX: SPLIT_

SFX: TUMBLE_

ハァ…

ハァ…

ハァ…

ハァ…

ハァ…

ハァ…

SFX. PANT_// PANT_// PANT_// PANT_// PANT_// PANT_

SFX. PANT // PANT // PANT

ニヤ…

SFX. LATUH

30…

SFX. STAGGER

ハァ…

ハァ…

ハァ…

HM_

.....

_ NO MATTER HOW LONG WE STAND HERE_!

HE WON'T COME BACK_

WHAT_?

WE SHOULD LEAVE, TOO_

HUH?

SFX: DASH

Y_YEAH_

RIGHT_?

H_HEY, ASAL!

ASALI

SFX: DASH DASH DASH...

SFX: TAP

SFX: DASH

SFX: DROP...

SFX: PANT... // PANT... // PANT...

SFX: PANT... // PANT... // PANT...

HUH...?

SFX: SHOCK...

OH CRAP...!

GAH...!

SFX: DASH DASH DASH...

SFX: STEP...

WHAT'S THIS...?

SFX: PANT... // PANT...

WHAT'S THIS...?

SFX: PANT... // PANT...

SFX: SCURRY...

SFX: PANT...

SFX: PANT...

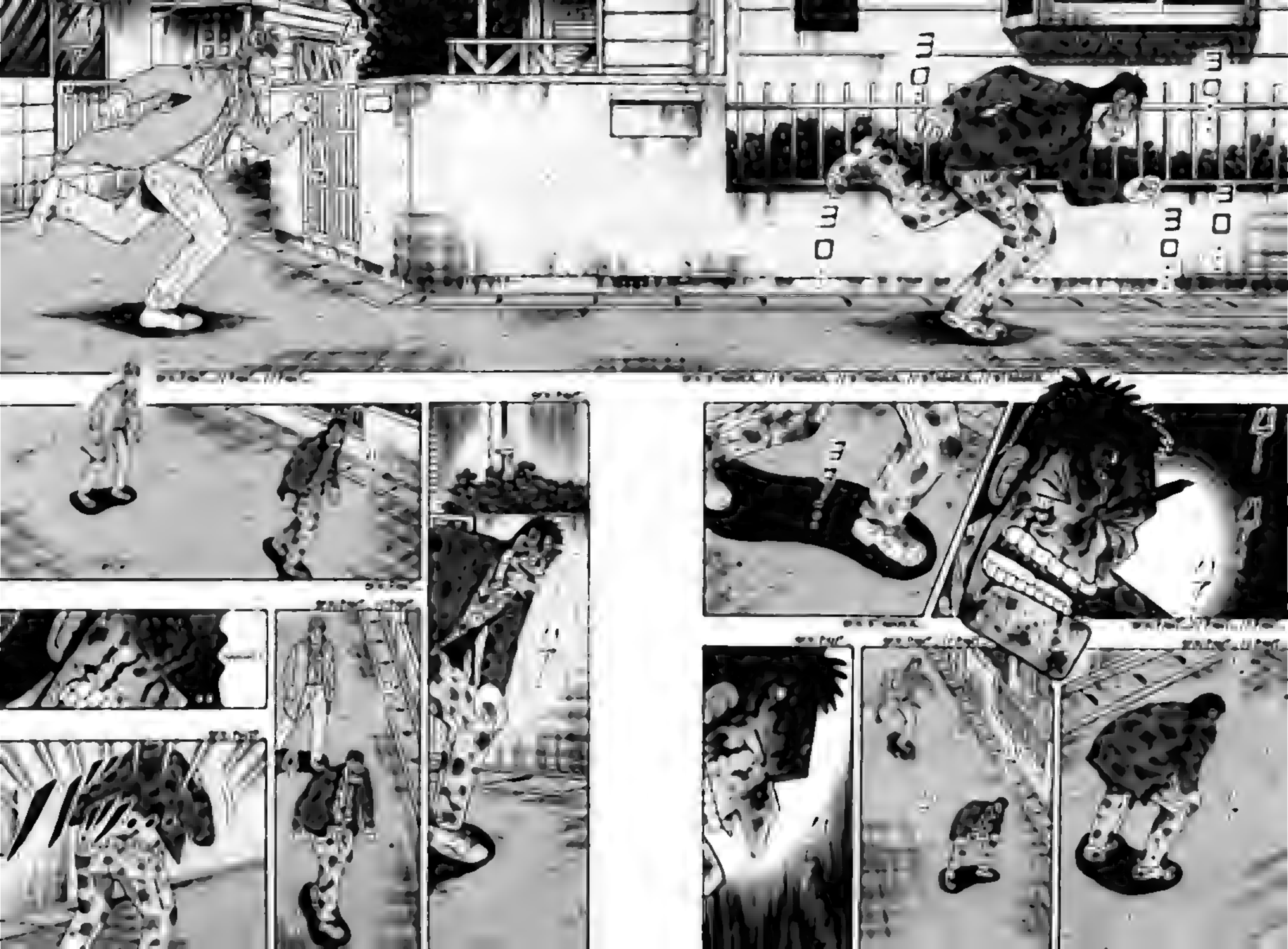
SFX: PANT... // PANT... // PANT...

WHAT THE HELL IS THIS...?

SFX: PANT... // PANT... // PANT...

SFX: TAP...

SFX: TAP TAP TAP...



HEY!?

WHAT'S THAT SUP-POSED TO MEAN_?

WHY ARE YOU TAILING AFTER ME_?

SFX: TREMBLE_ // TREMBLE_ // TREMBLE_

OTHER PEOPLE'S FEELINGS_!

CONSIDER_!

DON'T YOU_!

SFX: TREMBLE_ // TREMBLE_ // TREMBLE_

GO AWAY_!

HUH!?

GO AWAY...

I'M TOO ASHAMED TO LOOK AT YOU...

GO AWAY...

RUN...

AAAA AARGH...

GAH...

AHHH...

ドゥーン

ｈ…

ｈ…

…

…

WHY ARE YOU LAYING BESIDE

…

ｈ…

I GIVE UP... PLEASE GO

UGH_!

LOOK DOWN ON YOU.

I DIDN'T WANT TO_

WHY_

WHY ARE YOU COPYING ME_?

AAAA AAAH_!

WHY ARE YOU CRYING_?

UGH_!

UGH_!

UGH_!

?

GO AWAY_

SFX: THUMP_

ドコッ

SFX: ROLL_ // ROLL_ // ROLL_

コロ.. コロ.. コロ..

WHILE I'M LIKE THIS...

ゴゴゴ

ゴゴゴ

ゴゴゴ

スポ

I DON'T GET IT...!

WHY_

WHY WON'T YOU LEAVE ME BE_?

WHY'D YOU COME IN HERE_?

YEAH?

IF I LEFT YOU ALONE_

BUT_

CAN'T YOU LEAVE ME ALONE...!

WHEN YOU'RE BULLIED...

UGH...!

IDIOT...

ID...

WANT TO DIE...!

SFX: SNIFFLE... // SNIFFLE...

YOU SAID YOU'D KILL YOUR-SELF...

STUPID!

BUT...

SOMEONE LIKE YOU...!

DON'T GROUP ME WITH...

YOU WERE BULLIED, SO...

DON'T SAY I WAS "BULLIED"!

BUT...

FOR SOME-THING LIKE THAT...!

OF COURSE I WON'T...!

WHY ARE YOU TAKING THIS SO SERIOUSLY...!

DON'T SAY I WAS BULLIED...!

SHUT UP...!

BUT...

SFX: ROLL...

UGH...!

AGH AGH AGH ...!

AAAAAH...!

AAAAAH...!

GAH!

UGH UGH...!

UGH...!

YOU'VE BEEN IRRITATING

ZZZ

KURO_

KURO-SAWA-SAN_!

WHERE ARE YOU_?

KURO-SAWA-SAN_!

KURO_

HUH_?

KURO-SAWA-SAN_!

CAN YOU HEAR ME_?

KURO-SAWA-SAN_!

AREN'T YOU GLAD...

AREN'T YOU GLAD TO BE ALIVE...!

KUBO-SAWA-SAN...!

THOUGH YOU WERE BUL-LIED...

AREN'T YOU GLAD...

ARGH...!

IDIOT...

WHAT IS HE SHOUTING ABOUT...!

THAT DOOFUS...

GAH...!

GAH...!

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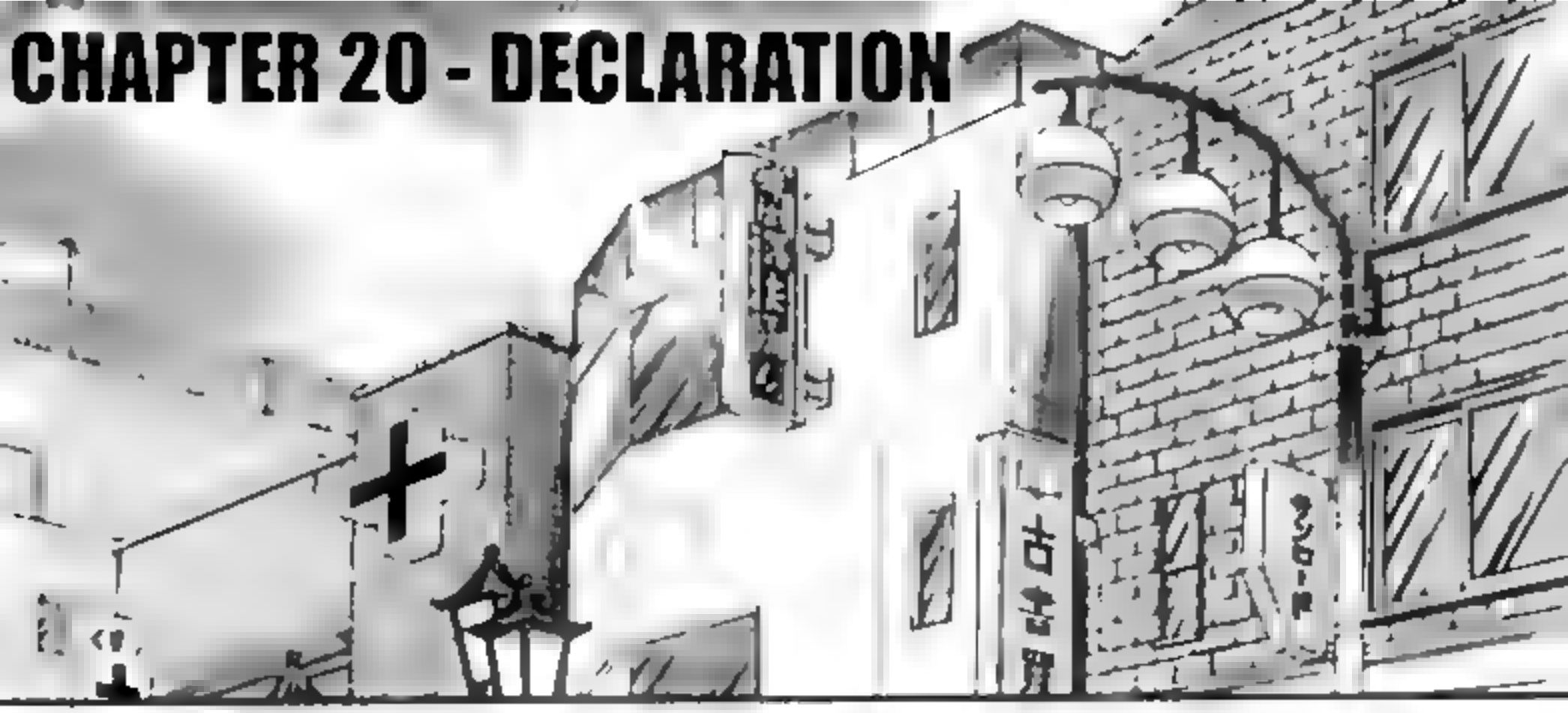
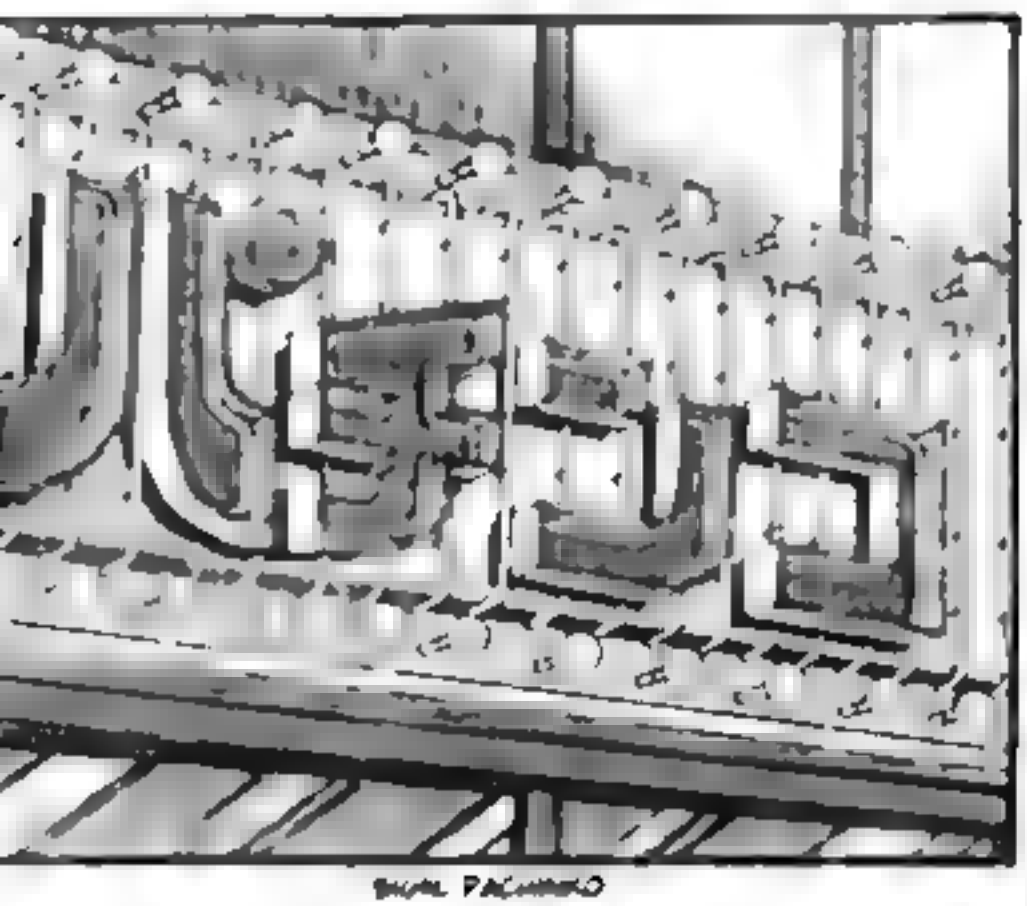
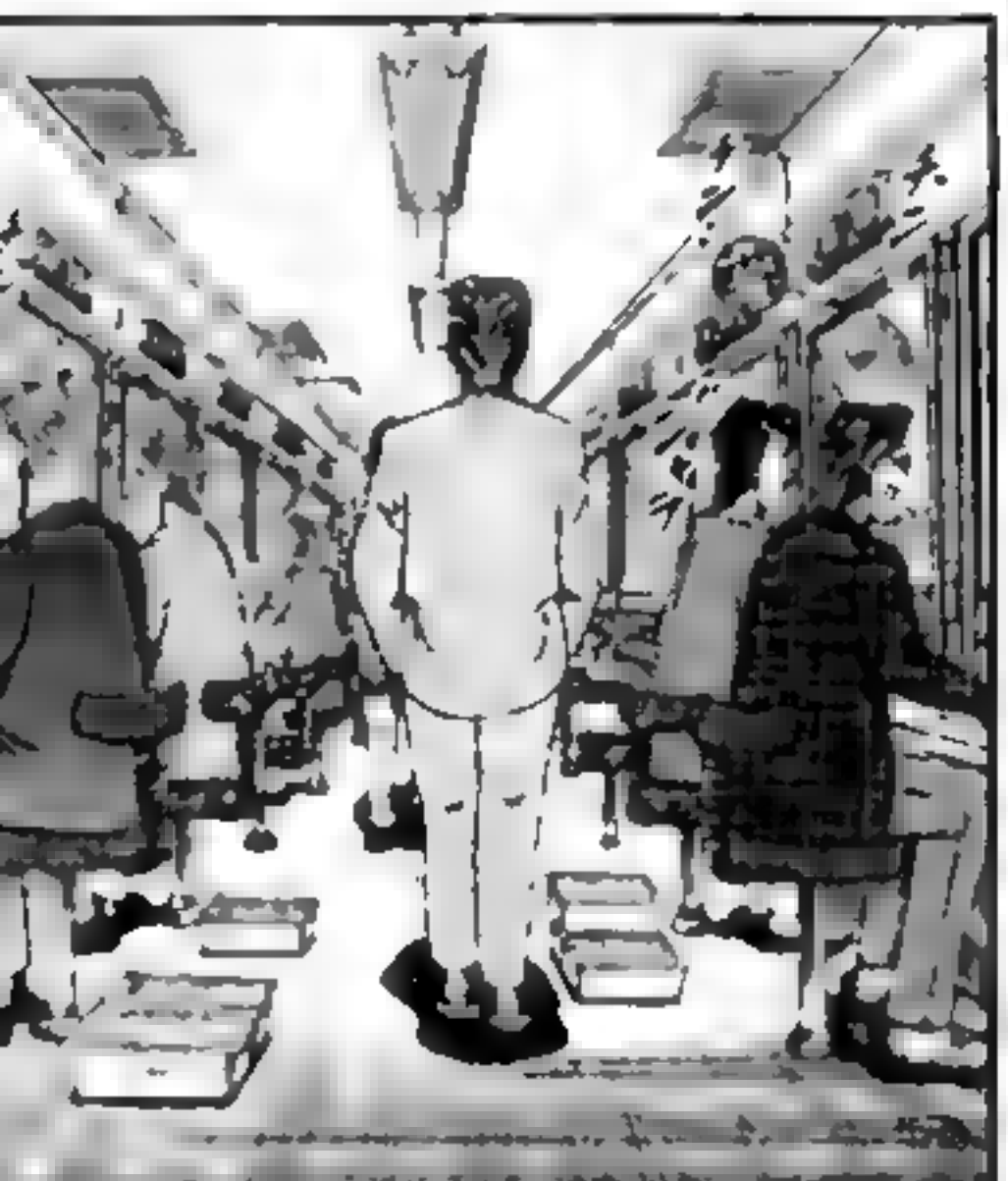
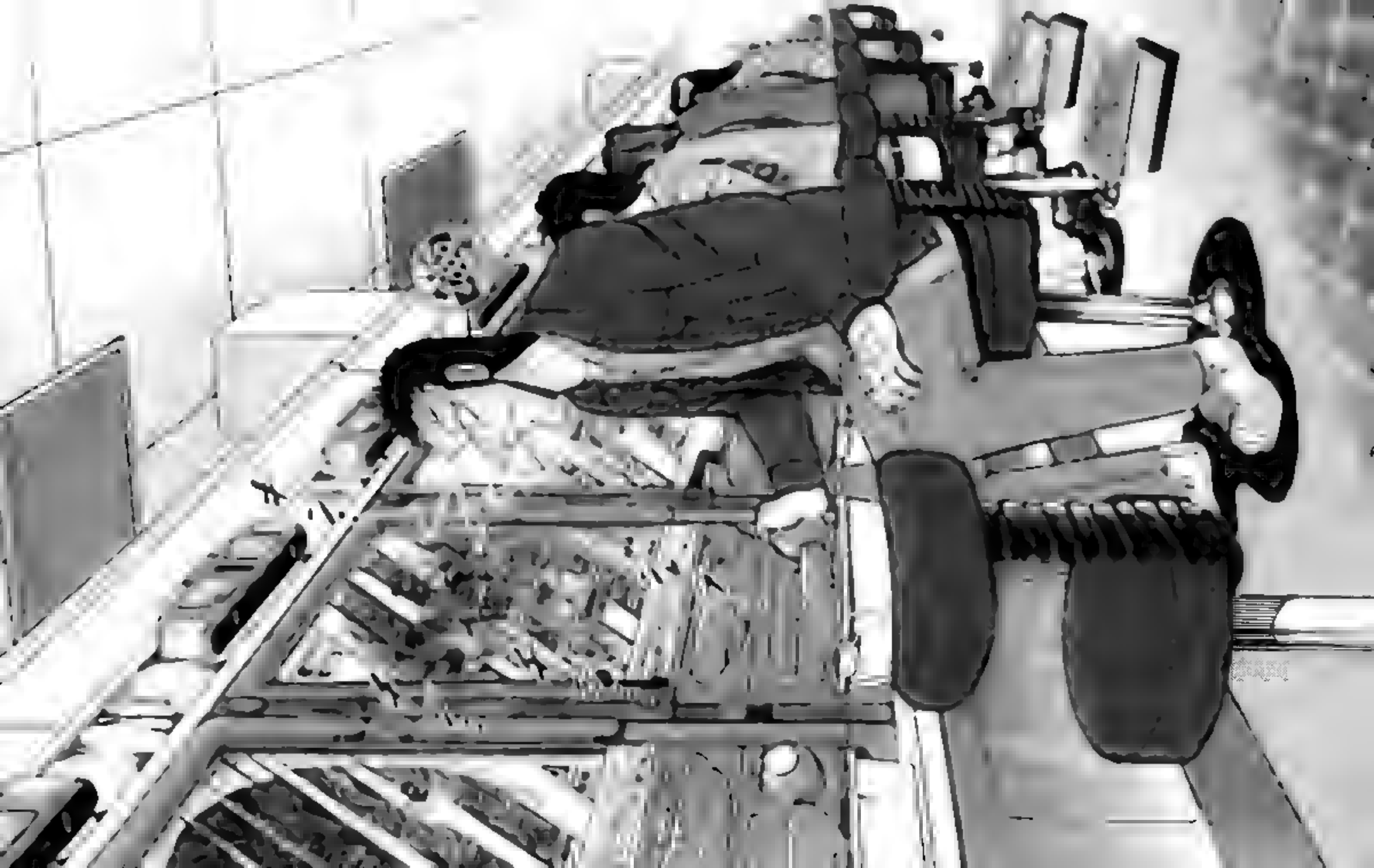








牛丼
松野
MATSUNO

SIGN: GYUKIDON MATSUNO

SFX: CLICK

KACHINK!

THAT WAS AWK-WARD —

WELL —

THAT —

HAAA...

HAVE TO END UP LIKE THAT?

WHY DID IT...

I WONDER IF MR. KURO-SAWA

WILL SHOW UP?

TOMOR-ROW'S MONDAY...

HOW ON EARTH DO I FACE HIM?

IF HE DOES SHOW UP...

WELL...

SHINGO

AAAH...

IT'S SAKA-GUCHI!

YES ...?

: :

Looo...

Loop...

SFX. RIINNGG RIINNGG

AT THIS HOUR?!

MEET UP?

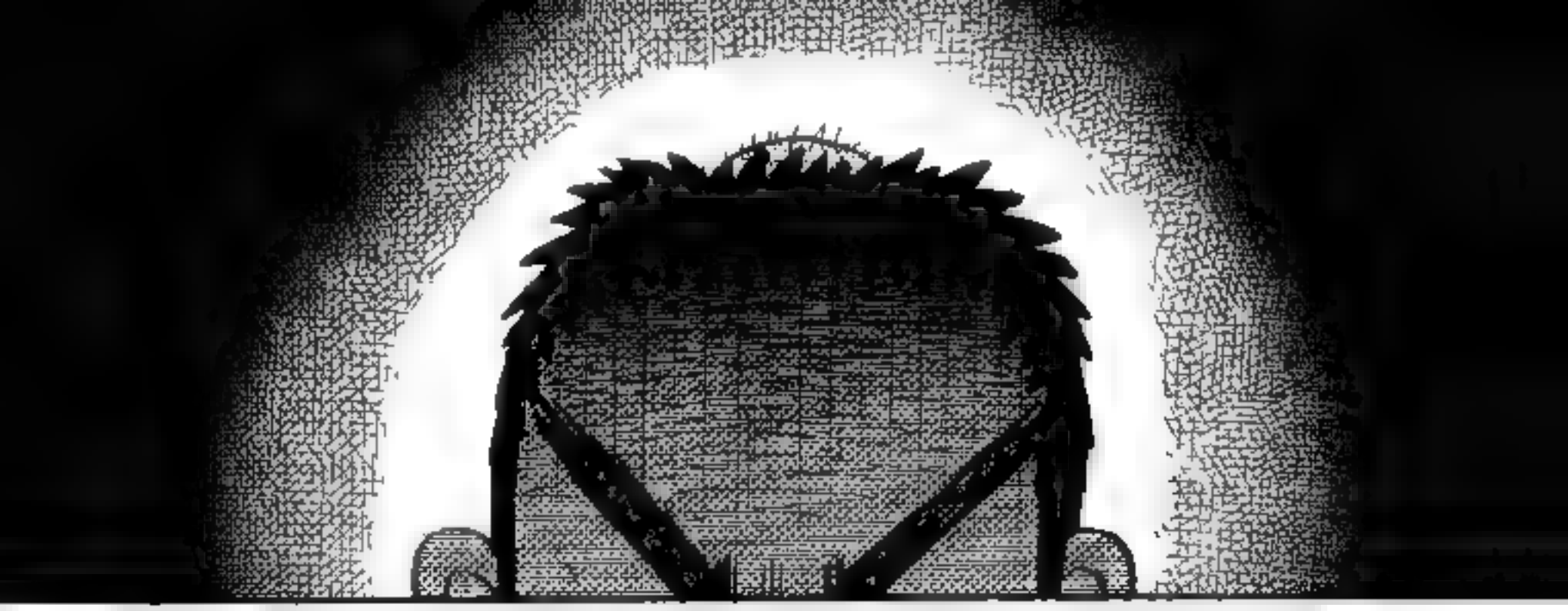
HUH ...?

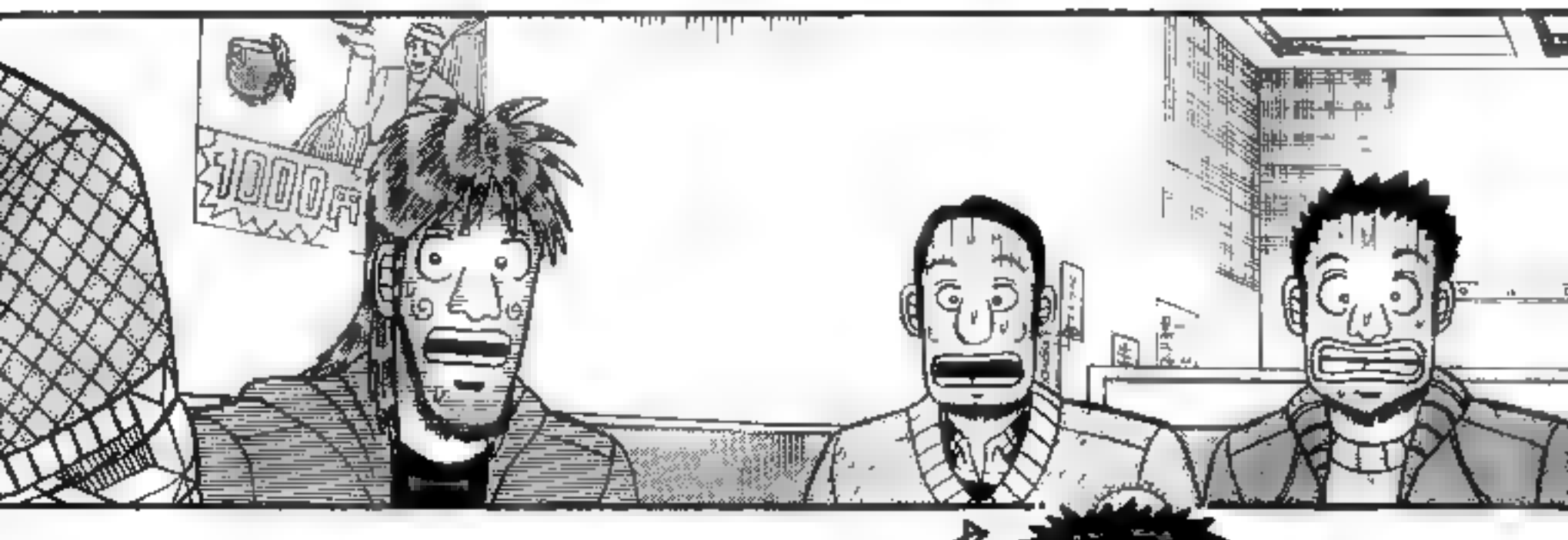
HUH?!

SUCH A RIDIC-ULOUS...

WHO IS THIS...?

MR. KURO-SAWA ...!

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UMM
....
UU
UHH
HH
...

STOP
!!!
SO SHOULD WE TALK ABOUT THAT ....?
WE'RE ALL HERE...

LUMP

AAAR GHH!!

YOU THINK —HE'S NOT COMING?

WHAT'RE YOU GUYS TRYIN' TO SAY?

SAKA-GUCHI ISN'T HERE YET...!

I'LL START TALKING ONCE EVERYONE'S HERE!!

SFX: SLAM!

AHHH!

JESUS —

I SEE —

.....

JESUS! JESUS — JESUS

JESUS...

SFX. FWOOP

ANY-WAY...

I DON'T REALLY GET IT...

Video Store
Part-Timer
Nakatani (28)

I WONDER WHAT IT IS...

IS IT BE-CAUSE I DON'T HAVE A GIRLFRIEND?

LIFE IS BORING ...!

BECAUSE WORK IS DULL..?

OR IS IT ...

IS IT HOR-MONES?

IT'S HOR-MONES ...?

IN OTHER WORDS ...

BECAUSE 28 IS JUST THAT KIND OF AGE?

OR IS IT ...

ARE YOU SAYING YOU WANT TO QUIT?

I WANT TO QUIT IT....

MY JOB ....

AAAA GHHH!!

IT'S MORE LIKE....

...NÄH ...

YOU'RE MIDDLE-SCHOOL ...?

IN THE FIRST PLACE...?

WHY AM I GOING ....

……

TO GO, TOO...

I THINK THERE'S NO NEED TO FORCE YOURSELF...

FOOLS!!

ISN'T IT...!

SFX: CRUMPLE, CRUMPLE CRUMPLE

I JUST... ABSENTMINDEDLY GO THERE ...

I DON'T GET WHY EITHER...

YES!

AND IT'S LIKE, I WONDER IF THAT'S REALLY OKAY...

FORCING YOURSELF TO GO! THAT'S WHAT SCHOOL IS...!

THAT'S WHAT MIDDLE SCHOOL IS...

FRIVOLOUSLY, ABSENTMINDEDLY GOING...!

I DON'T CARE! THAT'S FINE...!

EVERYONE...

IS LIKE THAT...!!

I DON'T CARE! THAT'S FINE...!

YOU'RE WRONG! YOU'RE WRONG...!

YOU'RE WRONG...!

JUST GOING WITH THE FLOW AND SHOWING UP EVERY DAY...

GO WITH THE FLOW ...!

DONT SAY SUCH GRANDIOSE THINGS! YOU'RE...

GO WITH THE FLOW, TAKASHI ...!

PLEASE ...!

LIKE ....

TO BE TRUE TO MY OWN FEEL-INGS...

ANY-WAY ....

...I WANT ....

IF YOU DEVIATE FROM THE FLOW...

YOU'RE NOT A GENIUS OR ANYONE IMPORTANT...!

IT'S NOT "UH-HUH"...!

UH-HUH, UH-HUH..!

I DON'T WANT TO BE CON-TROLLED ...!

THAT YOU WANT TO STAY TRUE TO YOURSELF --

YOU'RE TELLING ME YOU DON'T WANT TO BE CON-TROLLED...

BE CONTROLLED!!

IT'S OKAY.....

LIKE A WOLF BOY. A WOLF BOY...!

ISN'T THAT LIKE A FERAL CHILD...!

EVERY-ONE...

IS LIVING UNDER THAT PRESSURE!

PEOPLE ARE BARELY HONEST...!

RE CONT-ROLLED...

CHRIST ...!

AHHH..

AAGGH!

EVEN I AM...!

CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY

VIDEO STORE PART-TIMER

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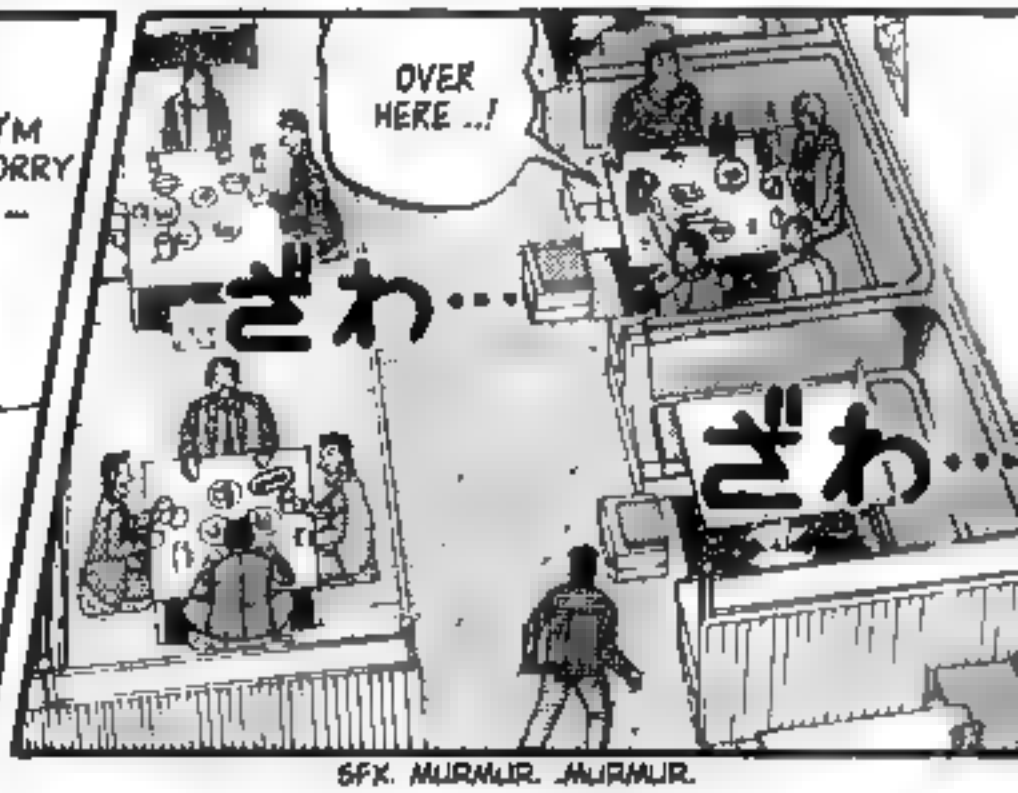

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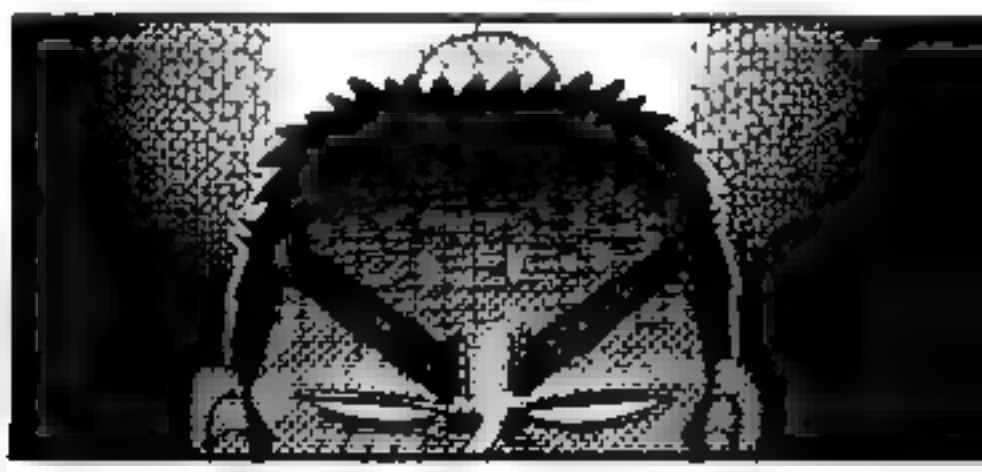

THEN LET'S TALK!

.....

YEAH -?

I'M --

GOING TO FIGHT!!!

WHHH-AAA-TT!?!

F... FIGHT?

WITH THOSE GUYS ...?

THAT'S RIGHT!

MR. KURO-SAWA!

WAIT A MINUTE HERE...

NO WAY ...

HAHA ....

HAHA ...

BUT WHO DOES THAT SORT OF THING?

I UNDER-STAND YOUR FEELINGS BUT...

HUH?

WELL... THAT'S...

WHAT HAPPENED ALL OF A SUDDEN?

IT'S HARD TO SAY BUT...

HOW...

HOW WOULD YOU SAY...

FIRST OF ALL, THAT'S... WELL

UH-HUH, UH-HUH!

THAT'S RIGHT! YOU HAVE THREE OPPONENTS!

YOU'LL LOSE !!!

THREE PEOPLE ...?

THIS PERSON'S GOING TO FIGHT THREE PEOPLE?!

EVEN IF IT'S LIKE-LY...

WELL...

IT'S POS-SIBLE.... MR. KURO-SAWA...

ドキ

ドキ

SFX: BA-DMP, BA-DMP, BA-DMP

THAT'S CRAZY ...!!

I'M GOING TO!!

I'LL DO IT!!

SO ...

ARRR GHH!

HE'S AMAZ= ING!!!

TO BE WITNESSES FOR ME!!

I WANT YOU GUYS ...

HUH ...?

A LITTLE FAVOR TO ASK OF YOU GUYS ...

I HAVE ...

TO BE WITNE- SSES!!!

WHAT?!?

HOW WILL I FIGHT?

IN THIS DUEL —

HOW WILL I WIN?

WHO SAW THAT DISASTROUS EVENT...

I WANT THOSE ...

WATCH THAT FROM BEGINNGING TO END!

I WANT YOU ALL TO...

OR WHAT IF I END UP LOSING?

WAIT A SEC ...!

WAIT!

NO, NO NO...!!

ALL OF YOU!!!

YEAH...

ARE YOU SAYING YOU'RE REALLY GOING TO FIGHT?

ARE YOU SERIOUS?

PLEASE WAIT!

I'M DOING IT TO-MORROW!

TOMOR-ROW!?!?!

I'M SORRY!

QUIET DOWN!

HEY!

AH...

ER... UMM...

MR. KURO-SAWA?

ヒソ!

SORRY!

AT WHAT TIME?!

YEAH...

YOU'RE GOING TO DO IT TOMORROW?

TO-MOR-ROW?

SO TWO-THIRTY OR THREE --

IT'LL BE RIGHT AFTER SCHOOL

THAT'S RIGHT --

AT WHAT TIME...

WAIT A MINUTE, PLEASE ...!

WHAAT?!?

TAKE A DAY OFF ...!

TO BE WIT-NESS-ES!

IT'S IMPOS-SIBLE FOR US ...

DON'T WE HAVE WORK THEN?!

.....

IF IT WAS FOR ONE OF US, IT'D BE NO PROBLEM...

BUT FOUR?!

HUH?

WELL YOU SAY IT THAT EASILY BUT....

ALL FOUR OF YOU TAKE A DAY OFF !!!

MR. KURO-SAWA ...!

WHAT HAP-PENED TO YOU?

.....

COME ON NOW....!

EXTREMELY NORMAL ...!

I AM --

YOU WERE BEATEN UP WITH A BASEBALL BAT!

HAVE YOU GONE CRAZY?!

IDIOT!

YOU GUYS ARE THE ONES THAT ARE CRAZY!!

THEIR FRIEND'S DUEL IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN WORK!

ANY-ONE WOULD THINK ...

... STUPID IDIOTS!!!

YOU BIG ...

HAHA-HAHA!!

HERE YOU GO ...!

TO BE CONTINUED...

PLEASE... HAVE A DRINK!

HOLD ON!

NO, NO ...

第21話 CHAPTER 21: ROOF 明日

AHA...

HAHA...

YOUR IDEA OF FIGHTING THEM...

YOU SEE...

SO, UHH...

AHHH...

IT'S COMPLETELY RIDICULOUS...!

WITH NO INJURIES OTHER THAN A BUMP ON YOUR HEAD

I MEAN YOU MANAGED TO GET OUT OF THAT INCIDENT

WANT TO PURPOSEFULLY DRAG YOURSELF BACK INTO IT AGAIN?

SO WHY WOULD YOU.

IS JUST A BAD IDEA!

FIGHTING THEM

JUST FORGET ABOUT THOSE PUNKS

YEAH, YEAH!

RIGHT GUYS?

THANK YOU!

HUH...?

I COULD NOT HAVE BEEN MORE THANKFUL.

THAT YOU GUYS SHOWED UP...

BACK THEN

FOR HELPING ME.

THANK YOU SO MUCH.

I MEAN ...

SO RAISE YOUR HEAD, PLEASE!

N-NO NEED TO THANK US!

AH, N-NO...!

IS THAT YOU'RE ALIVE AND WELL!

AND WHAT MATTERS,

THAT'S ALL IN THE PAST NOW ...

ISN'T IT GOOD TO STILL BE ALIVE?

THE IMPORTANT THING IS THAT YOU'RE STILL ALIVE!

YEAH!

RIGHT?

THAT'S HOW IT IS...!

AFTER WHAT ASAI SAID TO ME THAT NIGHT,

THAT'S WHAT I THOUGHT TOO

HUH...?

BUT...

AS WELL...!

THO-
UGHT
THE
SAME
THING,

EVEN I...

WHILE I
WAS IN
IZU...

I HAPPENED TO
COME ACROSS A
CERTAIN BOOK...!

AH, WELLL, YOU SEE ...

HUH...?

WAS JUST GLOOMY...

STAYING ALONE AT HOME,

YEAH ...

A JOUR-NEY?

AND LEFT ON A JOURNEY ...!

I TOOK THE TRAIN,

AFTER THAT INCIDENT,

TO GO OUT ON A TRIP...!

ON THE SPUR OF THE MOMENT,

SO I DECIDED,

AND I COULD FEEL MYSELF GETTING MORE DEPRESSED.

BUT THERE,

THERE, I STAYED THE NIGHT AT SOME CHEAP LODGING,

AND I WENT ALL THE WAY TO IZU...!

OF THAT CHEAP PLACE,

IN THE DARK CORNER,

AND AMONG THEM,

WAS THE BOOK THAT CHANGED EVERYTHING ...!

BOOKS

FILLED WITH LOTS OF OLD DUSTY BOOKS...!

THERE WAS A CERTAIN BOOK-CASE,

TURNED MY ENTIRE PERSPECT-IVE UPSIDE DOWN...!

SETON'S *WILD ANIMALS THAT I HAVE KNOWN,*

SETON'S WILD...

WHAT ...?

RAGGYLUG, OR RAG...

THE COTTON-TAIL RABBIT,

YEAH.

YOU MEAN THAT BOOK KIDS READ IN ELEM-ENTARY SCHOOL?

IS ON THE RUN FOR HIS ENTIRE LIFE...

HE'S ALWAYS CHASED...

FOXES,

WHE-THER FROM,

OR HUNTING DOGS,

BUT ...

THAT'S THE KIND OF LIFE HE LIVED!

RUNNING AND HIDING ...

WEREN'T ASHAMED AT ALL...!

RABBITS LIKE RAG.

. . . . . .

THEY WERE PROUD OF THEM-SELVES!

WHA ...?

DESPITE ALWAYS RUNNING AWAY!

AN *OUNCE* OF SHAME!

THEY DON'T FEEL,

AND TURNING TAIL EVERY TIME...

DESPITE BEING CONSTANT-LY ON THE LOOKOUT FOR ANY DANGERS,

SAKA-GUCHI!!!

WHA ...?

DO YOU KNOW WHY!?

WHY...?

UHH ...

TO THEM,

I'LL TELL YOU WHY ...!

THEY'RE NOT ASHAMED ...?

THE REASON WHY...

UMM ...

THE ACT OF SURVIVING, ALONE, MEANS THAT THEY'RE VICTORIOUS!

THEY ACHIEVE VICTORY!

JUST BY LIVING.

IT DOESN'T MATTER HOW MUCH,

THAT'S WHY THEY'RE NOT ASHAMED!

AHH!

I SEE!

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?

AND RUN ...

AND RUN,

THEY RUN,

THAT MEANS,

SO THEN, BASIC-ALLY,

WAIT JUST A SECOND...

WAIT,

UHH ...

MNN ...

ISN'T THAT RIGHT...?

THAT BEING ALIVE IS ALL THAT MATERS ...

SO IN OTHER WORDS,

THAT'S RIGHT!

BECAUSE AS LONG AS YOU MANAGE TO SURVIVE, YOU WIN...!

WHAT'S THE USE OF PUTTING YOURSELF IN ANYMORE DANGER?

I MEAN,

IS BASIC-ALLY USE-LESS!

ALL THAT TALK ABOUT FIGHTING,

MR. KURO-SAWA?

AM I WRONG?

NGHHH...!

THAT'S EXACTLY IT!

YES ...!

WHA...?

BECAUSE ...

IT'S RECK-LESS AND STUPID!

IS FOOL-ISH!

TO FIGHT,

IT'S EXACTLY AS SAKA-GUCHI SAYS...!

LIFE IS ALL ABOUT SURVIVAL ...!

SO IN THAT RESPECT, I'M THANK-FUL!

IS IF ONE SURVIVED OR NOT...!

WHAT MATTERS,

THANK YOU, MR. SETON!

OR SO I THOUGHT...

AND ON THE WAY BACK,

I MANAGED TO CHEER MYSELF UP AGAIN...

THAT'S HOW I USED TO THINK...

HUH?

BACK THEN ...

THAT'S RIGHT.

BACK THEN ...?

AND THREE LUNCHSETS TO CELEBRATE!

AND I BOUGHT TWO LARGE CANS OF BEER,

I BECAME PRETTY DRUNK TOO...

AND BEING CAUGHT UP IN MY GOOD MOOD,

I ATE AND DRANK AS MUCH AS I WANTED...

I REALIZED IT...!

CAME TO AN END

WHEN MY LITTLE PARTY

BUT

THAT'S NOT IT!!!

NO! NO! NO!

SETON'S BOOK,

WHAT DO YOU MEAN IT WAS WRONG...?

HUH?

IT WAS WRONG!

WAS A REALLY GOOD BOOK,

BUT...

IT WAS A BOOK ABOUT ANIMALS!!!

BUT I'M...

THAT ONLY APPLIES FOR ANIMALS!

TO SURVIVE MEANS TO WIN...

TO BE THANKFUL FOR JUST BEING ALIVE...

HUH ...?

A HUMAN BEING!

"BEING ALIVE IS ALL THAT MATTERS ..."

WE'RE ENTIRELY DIFFERENT FROM THEM!

IS DIFFERENT FROM OTHER ANIMALS!

AND A HUMAN BEING,

"THANK GOD I'M ALIVE..."

UUU...!

GUH ...

WHO THE HELL THINKS LIKE THAT!?

AND...

TO PURSUE THAT...

WE EACH HAVE OUR OWN DREAMS!

ALL OF US!

WE'VE GOT MORE THINGS TO WORRY ABOUT THAN JUST SURVIVAL!

IS WHAT IT MEANS TO BE HUMAN!

IF I WANT TO BE HUMAN!

I HAVE TO FIGHT...

I HAVE TO FIGHT!

WHICH IS WHY...

UU...

GUH...

UUU...

AM I WRONG!?

HE'S RIGHT!

GUH...!

WASN'T A LOVER,

THE THING I WAS LACKING,

OR SOME DAMN HORMONES...

A FIGHT ...!

IT WAS A FIGHT!

CAME TO THIS DEAD END...!

I...

AND BECAUSE I NEVER FOUGHT,

AND PUT MY VERY LIFE ON THE LINE ...!

A FIGHT IN WHICH I GIVE MY ALL,

AFIGHT!

IS A FIGHT!

WHAT I'M MISSING...

GUH!

SNIFF...

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SNIFF...!

CHAPTER 22: SPREADING FIRE

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GUH!

NGHHH...

SNIFF...

UUU...!

UUU...!

UUU...!

FIGHT ...!

A FIGHT...!

WHETHER YOUR LIMBS AND ORGANS ARE MOVING ...!

DOESN'T JUST REFER TO,

TO BE ALIVE,

I CAN'T EVEN SAY THAT I'M ALIVE...!

IF I THINK ABOUT IT,

IN OTHER WORDS,

IT'S THE FLAMES OF YOUR BODY AND SOUL!

MUCH MUCH MORE THAN THAT ...!

IT'S SOME-THING,

UU...!

GUH!

UU...!

IT'S THAT ADRENALINE RUSH THROUGH YOUR BODY THAT MAKES YOU REALIZE THAT YOU'RE ALIVE!

AGH...

UUU...

BECAUSE I'M HUMAN!

I'LL MOVE FOR-WARD,

I'LL KEEP MOVING FOR-WARD!

SO WATCH OVER ME...!

GUH!

THAT'LL BE THE NEW START OF MY LIFE!

AND IF I WIN TOMORROW,

AHHH!!!

WATCH AS I'M REBORN!

FULL OF MISTAKES,

YOU'RE TRYING TO THROW AWAY YOUR PAST LIFE,

MISTER ...!

I UNDERSTAND COMPETELY,

I REALLY HAVE NO IDEA WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT ...

SORRY, BUT...

.....

UHH...

AND BE BORN AGAIN....!

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WHAT!?

WHA ...?

THAT WE HAVE TO GO TO WORK...

I TOLD YOU BEFORE,

WE REALLY CAN'T DO IT...

BUT IN ANY CASE,

IS JUST TOO STRANGE ...

WHAT YOU'RE SAYING,

JUST CALM DOWN AND RETHINK THINGS THROUGH!

NOW, NOW...

WHAT!?

ABOUT IT, THEN ...

IF ONLY YOU'D JUST CALM DOWN,

AND THINK CARE-FULLY,

.....

AGHHHH!

WHAT?

JUST WHAT THE HELL...

YOU DAMN RETARD!

ARE YOU GUYS,

SO DAMN INDECISIVE ...

RETARDED OR DEAF?

WHA!?

IS HE SUPPOSED TO THINK OVER!?

IT'S BECAUSE OF IDIOTS LIKE YOU...!

TO SEE HOW THINGS WILL TURN OUT...

ALWAYS SITTING ON THE FENCE AND WAITING,

WHA ...?

THAT OUR COUN-TRY IS IN THIS RUT!

.....

MISTER!

THAT'S RIGHT!

WE RUINED JAPAN...?

IT'S FUTILE!

THESE COWARDS COULDN'T POSSIBLY HOPE TO UNDER-STAND,

WHAT ARE YOU DOING!? WHY ARE YOU RELYING ON THESE USE-LESS SACKS OF CRAP!?

SHUT UP!

I SAID BE QUIET ALREADY!

HEY!

THE ANGUISH OF YOUR SOUL!

DON'T TELL US TO BE QUIET...!

WHA ...?

SHUT UP AND LISTEN!

WHAT DID YOU SAY!?

WHA ...?

YOU GUYS ARE A HELL OF A LOT LOUDER THAN US!

IS GOING TO RISK HIS LIFE,

SITTING RIGHT HERE...!

THIS MAN,

AND FIGHT TOMORROW!

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WHAT!?

AND HE'S COME HERE TODAY TO ANNOUNCE THAT!

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ざわ…

GUH!

SO JUST SHUT UP!

IT'S UNDER-STANDABLE IF HE'S A LITTLE LOUD!

WHICH IS WHY ...

NO, MORE IMPORT-ANTLY,

UMM, WELL ...

RIGHT, SIR?

FOR ACCIDENTLY OVER-HEARING WHAT SIR WAS SAYING,

I APOLOGIZE SINCERELY,

EXCUSE ME, SIR!

WHO ARE YOU...?

MY NAME IS NAKATANI YASUHARU!

WHILE I WAS SITTING BEHIND SIR...!

BUT...

OR MAYBE YOU JUST OPENED MY EYES,

I HAVE TO SAY I WAS MOVED...

AND...

. . .

I BEG OF YOU, SIR!

AH...

I BEG YOU!

PLEASE!

PLEASE LET ME WITNESS YOUR FIGHT AS WELL!

PLEASE LET ME PARTICIPATE TOO!

AH, OF COURSE!

BUT THE PROBLEM IS THESE GUYS REFUSING TO COME...

I GUESS IT'S FINE IF YOU COME,

I MEAN,

NO, THAT'S NOT IT...

IS THE ANSWER NO...?

W-WHA!?

DIDN'T YOU HEAR WHAT HE JUST SAID!?

HEY!

I KNOW FULL WELL OF SIR'S ANGUISHED SOUL!

IN FACT,

OH, I KNOW!

YOU DON'T EVEN KNOW ...

WHO THE HELL ARE YOU!

AND YET YOU'RE HUNG UP ON WORK!?

HAS JUST SAID HE'LL RISK HIS LIFE AND FIGHT...!

THIS MAN,

IT'S YOU PEOPLE WHO DON'T UNDER-STAND!

SIR!?

RIGHT,

HAVE YOU ALL LOST YOUR MINDS!?

WHA!?

uuu...

COMMON SENSE JUST DOESN'T SEEM.

TO GET THROUGH TO THESE TWO...

WE'LL FILM IT!

ARE WE THE ONES WHO ARE WRONG?

THE HELL IS GOING ON?

AGHHH...!

AHHH ...!

JUST FORGET ABOUT BRINGNG THEM!

AND THEY CAN WATCH THE FIGHT LATER!

WE'LL FILM IT WITH A VIDEO-CAMERA!

HUH?

YES, FANT-ASTIC!

SO I'LL COME TOO!

I'VE GOT A LOT OF FREE TIME TOMORROW ANYWAYS,

OF COURSE!

I'LL TAKE CARE OF IT!

AND IN THAT CASE,

HE MIGHT GET INJURED.

ALRIGHT, YOU'RE IN CHARGE OF THE VIDEO-CAMEA THEN!

UMM...

GOOD, YOU TAKE CARE OF THE MEDICA- TREATMENT!

OHHH!

AFTER ALL, I WORK IN A PHARM- ACY...!

OHHHH!

SO I'LL PREPARE A CAR, JUST IN CASE, TO CARRY HIM TO THE HOSPITAL ...!

HE MIGHT NEED TO GO TO THE HOS- PITA-

IF HE GETS ANY SERIOUS INJURIES,

TO JOIN YOUR CAUSE!

COMRADES HAVE COME,

SIR!

ALRIGHT, AN EMER- GENCY DRIVER!

UUU...

GUH!

UUU ...!

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SNIFF

SNIFF

SNIFF

HUH?

SHOULD WE GO TOO...?

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YOU EITHER MAKE OR DON'T IN BUSINESS...

IF YOU THINK ABOUT IT,

YEAH ...

FOR REAL!?

TO SEE THIS FIGHT ...

MAYBE WE SHOULD GO,

WHHHAAT!?

IN A WAY, IT'S A LOT LIKE FIGHTING...

WHAT!?

FROM AROUND 2:30 TO 3 IN THE AFTER-NOON!

WHEN'S THE FIGHT!?

WHEN IS IT!?

HEY!

LOOKS LIKE I CAN GO ...!

LET'S SEE THEN ...

? ? ?

HUH?

WHERE IS IT!?

FUJISAKI MIDDLE SCHOOL ...?

DID YOU HEAR THAT!?

IN FRONT OF THE FUJI-SAKI MIDDLE SCHOOL GATES...

SIR, WHERE IS THE FIGHT BEING HELD...?

AH, YOU'RE RIGHT!

IT'S PROBABLY BY THAT ROYAL HOST FAMILY RESTAURANT...!

THEN...

IF IT'S FUJISAKI MIDDLE SCHOOL ...

IF THE FIGHT'S AT 2:30 TO 3 ...

SO,

ALRIGHT!

AT THE ROYAL HOST RESTAURANT AT 1:30...!?

HOW ABOUT WE ALL MEET UP,

YEAHH!!

ALRIGHT!

GOOD IDEA!

CAN WE COME AS WELL?

OF COURSE!

UMM ...

YEAH, OK!

AND CHEER ON IF THEY WISH!

ANYBODY CAN COME,

JUST GATHER THERE BY THEN!

YES!

CAN WE...

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JUST AS LONG AS YOU'RE PASSIONATE ENOUGH!

JUST HOW OLD DO THEY THINK THEY ARE ...!?

A FIGHT, MY ASS!

DAMN IDIOTS ...!

LOOK!

THEY'RE THE SAME AS CRIMINALS...

VIOLENT...

SELF-DESTRUCT-IVE,

YOU'LL BECOME LIKE HIM ONE DAY ...!

IF YOU DON'T GO TO SCHOOL,

LOOK AT THEM WELL, TAKASHI ...

I'LL GO...

?

HUH?

THE FIGHT!

I WANT TO GO AND SEE...

I WANT TO GO ...!

WHAT?

IF I DO...

WHA ...!?

THE COURAGE,

TO GO BACK TO SCHOOL AGAIN...!

I MIGHT BE ABLE TO FIND,

I FEEL LIKE,

YEAH ...

TAKASHI!

ARE YOU SERIOUS, TAKASHI!?

WHAT!?

YES, YOU CAN COME IF YOU WANT TO!

BUT COULD WE...

UMM, EXCUSE ME...

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THE MORE THE MERRIER!

HERE, SIR!

A DRINK FOR THIS OCCASION!

SIR!

SO...

I HAVE A BIG FIGHT TOMORROW

UH, NO

おおっ!!

THE HELL ARE YOU SAYING ...!?

IT'S BEST IF I DON'T DRINK TONIGHT ...!

THIS SITUATION,

FOR GOD'S SAKE...

AS EXPECTED OF A MAN ABOUT TO RISK HIS LIFE...!

AMAZING ...!

ざわ…ざわ…

MR. KUROSAWA ...!

IS JUST NOT RIGHT,

BUT YOU'VE DRANK HOW MANY BOTTLES ALREADY!?

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CHAPTER 23

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SIGN: KUROSAWA

THE DAY OF THE FIGHT,

THE DAY OF KURO-SAWA'S FATE...!

NEXT DAY

AGHH...

OW OW OWW...

10AM

UGH...

HUH?

GUESS I DRANK TOO MUCH ...

AH!

WHERE AM I ..?

WHAT...?

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IT'S BEST IF I DON'T DRINK TONIGHT...!

AFTER MEETING SIR..?

THAT'S RIGHT!

BUT THEN LATER...

RIGHT, HE DECLINED AT FIRST...

YES, SIR!

LET'S HIT ONE MORE PLACE!

ONE MORE!

THAT'S RIGHT!

EXCUSE US...

THEN EXCUSE US FOR THE IN-TRUSION

THANK YOU VERY MUCH!

YOU GUYS CAN STAY THE NIGHT AT MY PLACE!

AND TODAY IS,

THE DAY OF THE FIGHT.

AT HIS HOUSE!

I SLEPT HERE...

カラ…

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HUH?

WHAT?

WHAT?

WHA?

IT'S JUST THAT...

AH...

WHAT'RE YOU LOOKING FOR, MR. NAKATANI?

MNNN...'

HE'S GONE ...

NOT HERE!

HE'S ...

HUH...?

UUU...

WHAT!?

YOU MEAN SIR...?

WHO?

DIS-APPE-ARED ...?

WHAT...?

HE'S DISAPP-EARED!

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WHA...? WHAT'S GOING ON?

GUH!

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WHAT'S GOING ON...?

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ARGH...

UUU...

GUH!

GOD-DAMN IT!

WHAT DID I GET MYSELF INTO NOW!?

AND MADE A BIG DEAL OUT OF IT!

THEY GOT AGITATED ON THEIR OWN,

THOSE IDIOTS!

IT WAS OUTSIDE OF MY PLANS...!

THIS ISN'T WHAT WAS SUPPOSED TO HAPPEN ...

OF COURSE,

NO, NO ...

NO,

THE HELL ARE THEY ON!?

A FIGHT, MY ASS!

I REALLY WAS GOING TO FIGHT BY MYSELF...!

BUT...

I REALLY WAS PLAN-NING TO FIGHT...

THAT'S...

SOME GODDAMN SHOW...!

I NEVER WANTED...

BUT...

GUH!

NO!

ARGHHH!

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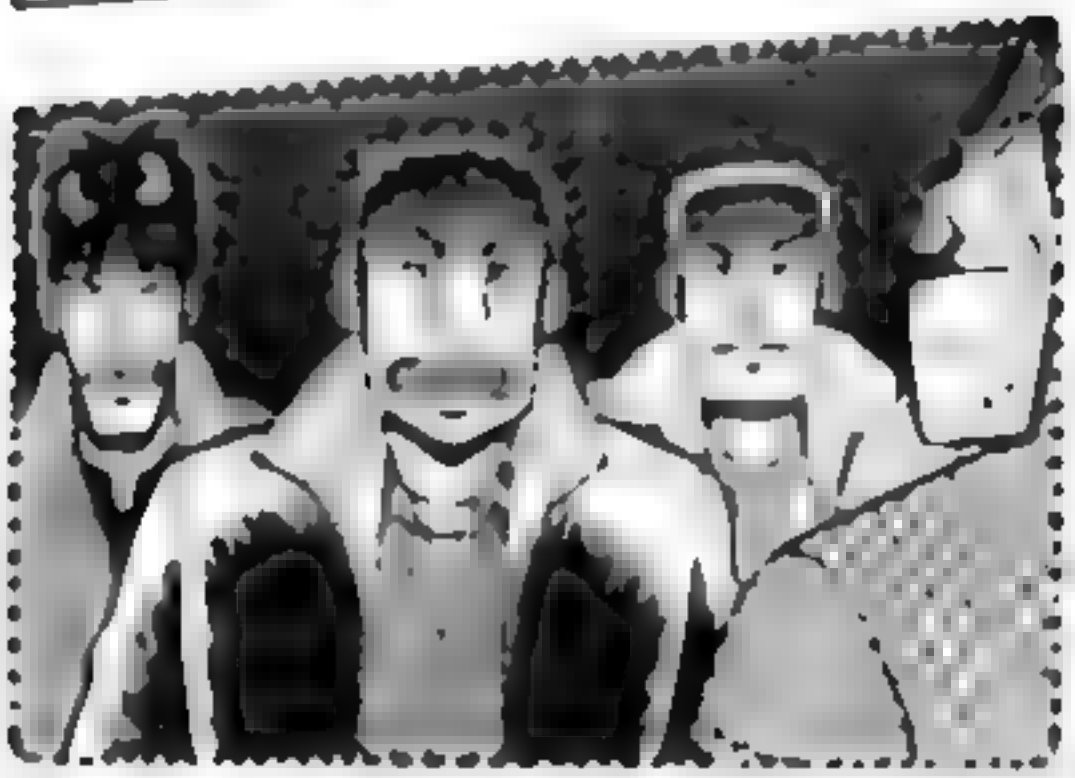
THAT'S ALL JUST A BIG LIE TOO!

NO, NO, NO!



I...

TO BE HONEST ...

ABOUT FIGHTING IN FRONT OF THOSE GUYS,

ALL I WANTED WAS TO TALK BIG,

TO FIGHT IN THE FIRST PLACE...!

I PROBABLY NEVER INTENDED,

AND EVENTUALLY CALM ME DOWN...

THEY'D PROBABLY GET WORRIED,

AND THEN,

AND MAKE A BIG FUSS...!

I WAS LYING TO MYSELF ALL ALONG ...

TO RELUCTANTLY NOT FIGHT AFTER THEIR PLEADING...

I WOULD PRETEND,

IN THE END,

AND SO...

THINGS TO PLAY OUT LAST NIGHT...!

THAT'S PROBABLY HOW I WANTED,

ALL ALONG ...?

MAYBE I WAS REALLY ONLY PRETENDING.

DAMN IT!

GUH...

BUT NOW, I'VE TRAPPED MYSELF INTO A CORNER..!

I'M SO DAMN PA-TH-ETIC!

GOD-DAMN IT!

AFTER ALL THAT CRYING ...!

EVEN AFTER I SWORE TO MYSELF...!

WANTED ...

I STILL...

I...

IF POSSIBLE,

THE SITU-ATION ...

TO GET OVER,

WITHOUT TAKING ANY ACTION...!

I WISH I WERE DEAD!

UUU!

JUST KILL ME NOW! PLEASE!

GOD!

SNIFF

GOOD MORN-ING, MISTER.

TO COOK SOME FOOD,

I WAS ON MY WAY TO YOUR HOUSE,

THAT'D GIVE YOU ENOUGH ENERGY FOR THE FIGHT...

I'M IN CHARGE OF THE FOOD...

I, UHH...

MISTER ...

I SEE ...

WHEN ALL OF A SUDDEN, MY SON SAW YOU HERE...

THE FIGHT, I MEAN ...

DO YOU WANT TO QUIT?

WERE YOU REGRETTING WHAT YOU SAID LAST NIGHT...?

WHAT...?

PLEASE FORGIVE MY SON'S RUDE QUESTION. !

HOW COULD THAT EVEN BE POSSIBLE!?

THE HELL ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT!?

YOU IDIOT!

YOU DON'T NEED TO APOLO-GIZE ...

NO...

WHO DOESN'T KNOW ANY-THING ...

HE'S STIL- JUST A KID,

Oo

BECAUSE ...

WHAT!?

I WAS REGR-ETTING MY AC-TIONS ...!

HE'S RIGHT ...

HUH?

I'LL DO IT!

W-WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT!?

BECAUSE IF I GIVE UP NOW ...

WHA...?

I'M STILL GOING TO FIGHT!

HUH?

THEN I'LL HAVE REACHED ROCK BOTTOM!

I'LL STILL FIGHT!

THAT'S WHY...

AND I'LL DESPISE MY PATHETIC SELF EVEN MORE!

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HUH?

LOOKS LIKE I DO...

DO I HAVE ENOUGH MONEY ...?

....

MISTER!

MISTER!

AH!

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SIR!

SIR!

GET LOST!

YOU COULD HAVE JUST LEFT US A NOTE THEN ...

JEEZ,

SO SIR WAS ONLY OUT SHOP-PING?

OHHH,

AND...

YES, SIR!

AH...

I NEED TO CHA-NGE, SO GET OUT OF MY HOUSE NOW...!

WHA ...?

NO MORE FOOLING AROUND.

PLAYTIME'S OVER...!

LEAVING ME ALONE FOR NOW ...?

SO WOULD YOU MIND,

WE'RE SORRY, SIR!

FORGIVE US FOR OUR IMPUDENCE!

Y-YES, SIR!

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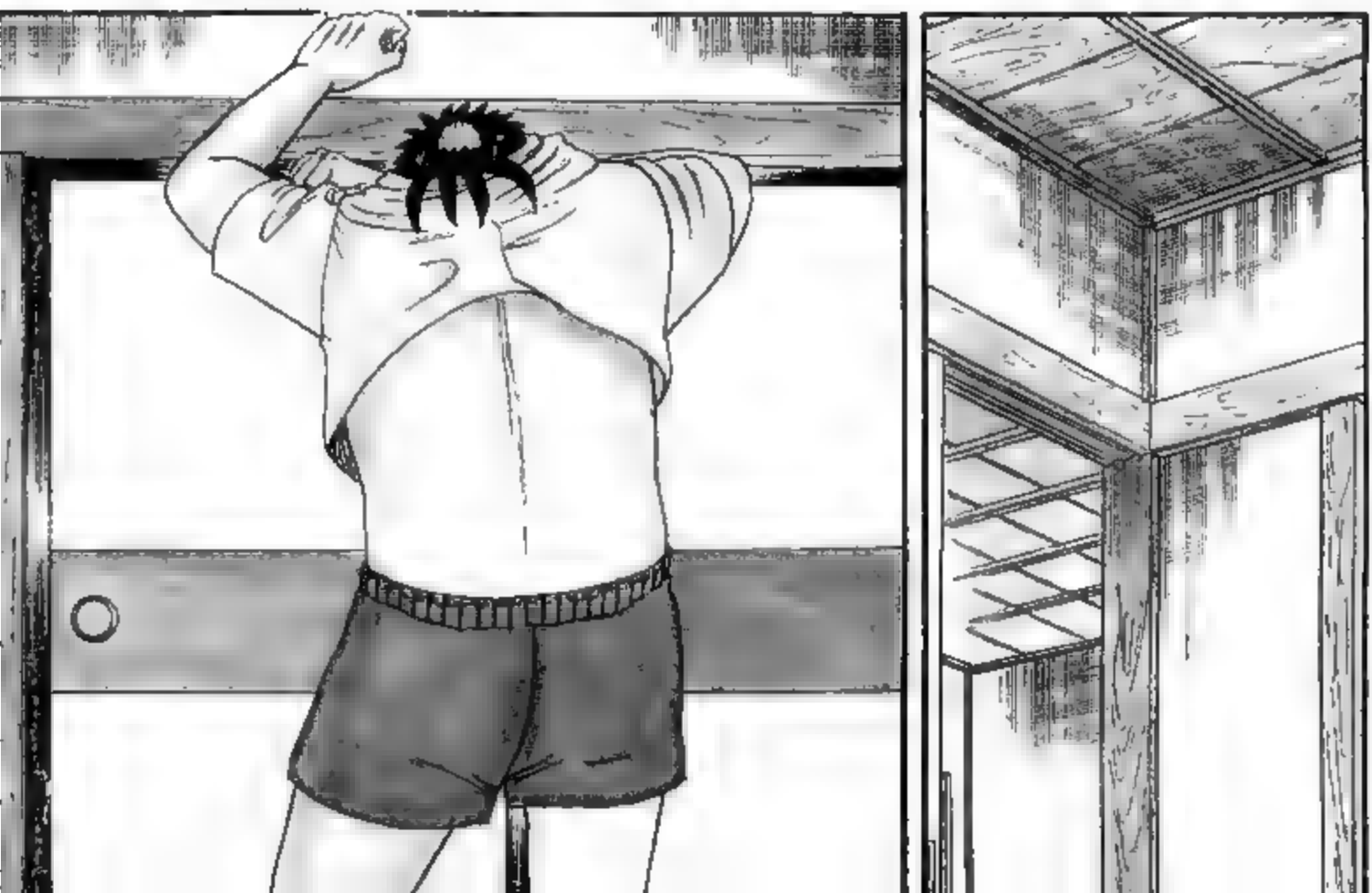
CHAPTER 24: IN FRONT OF THE DOOR



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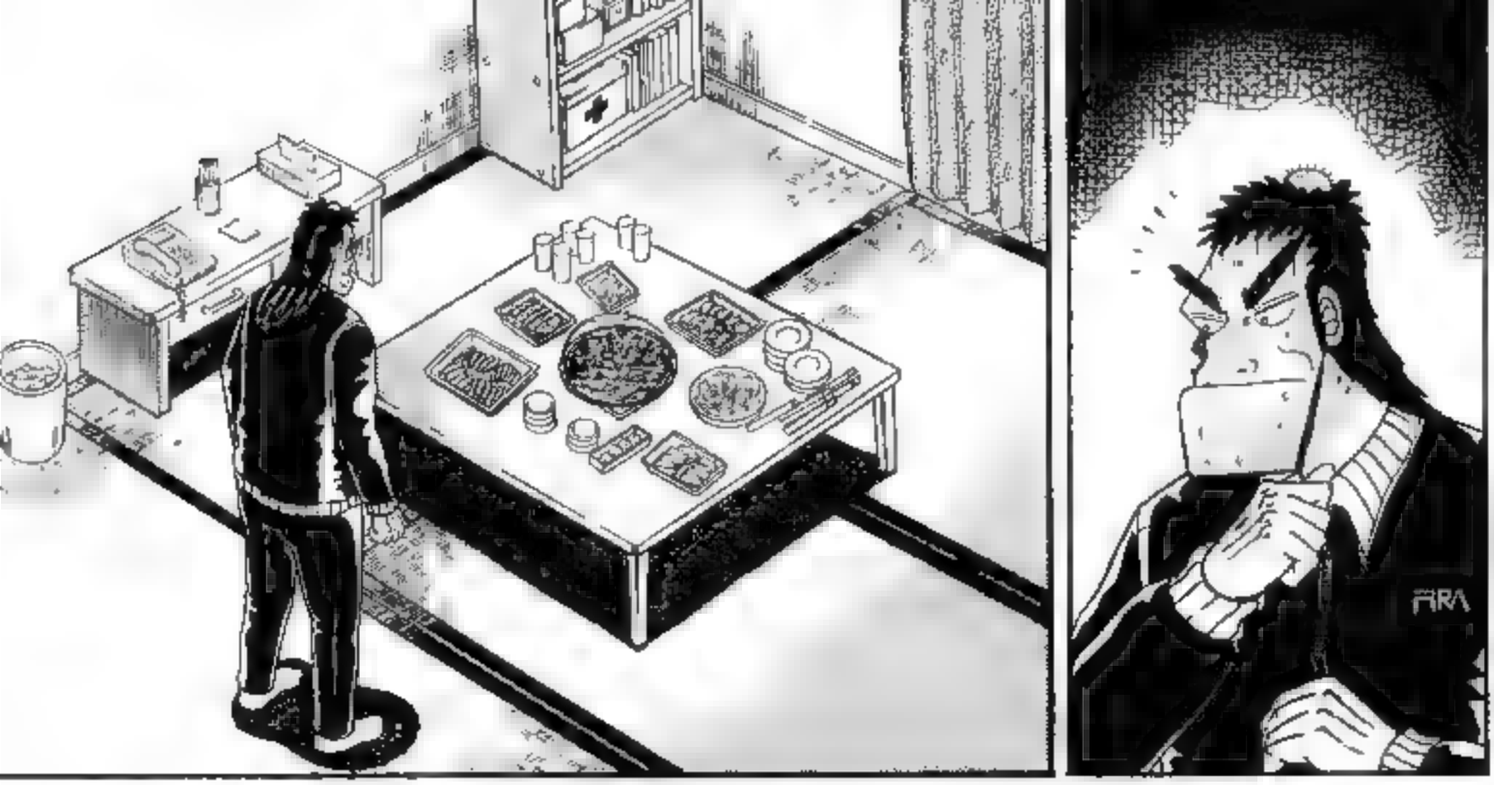

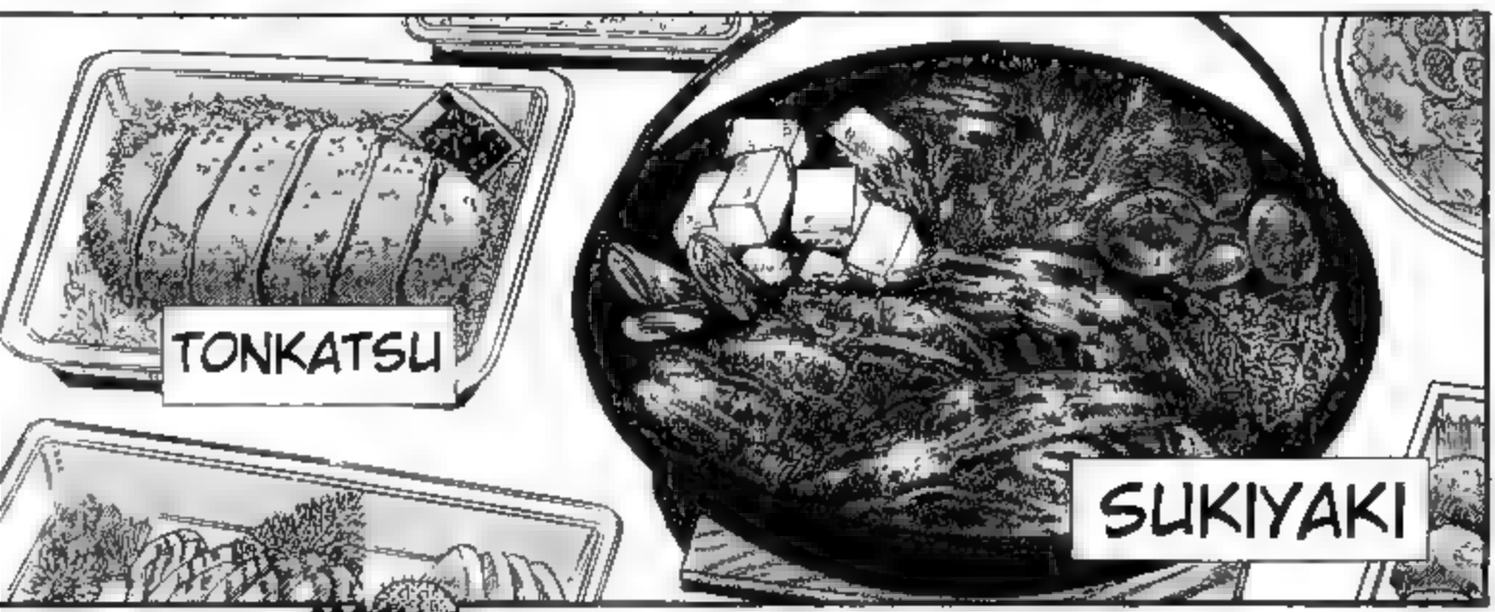
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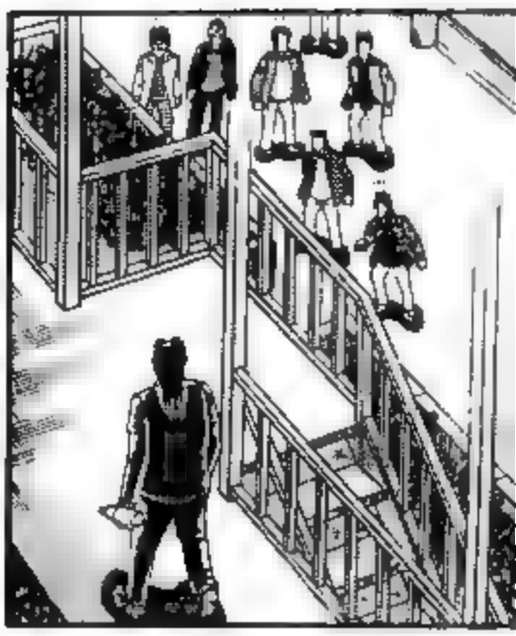
SORRY BUT...

SIR!
SIR!



AFTER ALL THE WORK YOU GUYS DID IN PREPA-RING THE FOOD..
SORRY TO DO THIS,

TO BE EATING ALL THAT OTHER FANCY FOOD...
I'M JUST NOT IN THE MOOD,

I'M ONLY GOING TO EAT THE INARI SUSHI..

モグ…
Y-YES...
IT'S FINE, RIGHT?
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モグ

PLEASE FORGIVE US!
SIR!

DEEP DOWN INSIDE, I WAS SUBCONSCIOUSLY PLAYING AROUND WITH YOU!
YOU WERE COMPLETELY RIGHT ABOUT ME, SIR!
.....
PLEASE HIT ME SIR!
AND...

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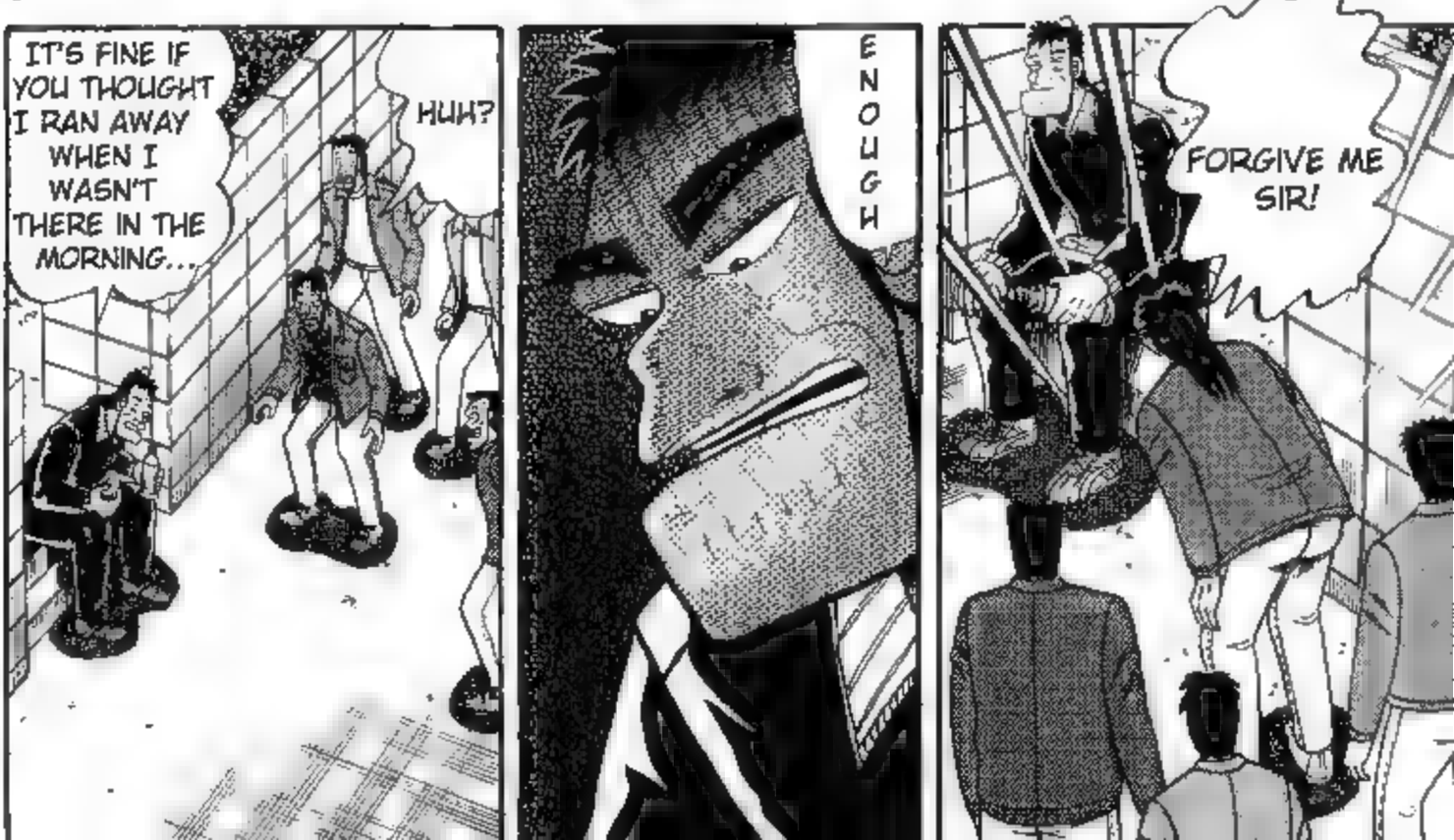
I WONDERED IF YOU HAD GOTTEN SCARED AND RUN OFF OR SOMETHING ...!
I WONDERED JUST MAYBE...
I DOUBTED YOU, SIR!


IT'S FINE IF YOU THOUGHT I RAN AWAY WHEN I WASN'T THERE IN THE MORNING...
HUH?
ENOUGH
FORGIVE ME SIR!

AND MORE IMPORT-ANTLY,
NO NEED TO APOLOGIZE ...!
IT'S ONLY NORMAL...

OF RUNN-ING AWAY WHATS-OEVER.
IT'S NOT LIKE I HAD NO INTENTION,

GOING TO FIGHT!
EVEN THOUGH A PART OF ME WANTS TO RUN AWAY,
I'M STILL...

I'M GOING TO FIGHT...!
DON'T WORRY,
WHAT...?

CAN YOU TAKE CARE OF THE GARBAGE FOR ME?
YES, SIR!

NOW THEN...
FIRA
HUH?

WHAT DO YOU MEAN WHERE?
I'M GOING TO THE TRAIN STATION.

UMM...
SIR? WHERE ARE YOU..?
HMM?

GOTTA TAKE THE TRAIN FIRST,
IF I WANT TO GET TO THE SCHOOL FOR THE FIGHT.
AH...
IF THAT'S THE CASE ...
FIRA

AND THEN MEET UP WITH THE REST OF THE PEOPLE,
IS GET IN THAT CAR,
SO ALL SIR NEEDS TO DO,
WE'VE ALREADY PREPARED A CAR...
FIRA

AT THE FAMILY RESTAU-RANT FIRST...!

COULD WE PRETEND THAT NEVER HAPPENED?
I'M SORRY BUT...

HUH?
NAKATANI ...
FIRA

THAT THEY CAN'T WATCH ME FIGHT AFTER COMING ALL THE WAY OUT...
I'M NOT GOING TO TELL EVERYONE,
BUT...
FIRA
I DON'T MIND IF THE REST OF YOU WATCH...
WHA...?
ざわ
FROM ALL THE CHEERING AND THE SUPPORT...
I WANT TO BE RELEASED...

Rayol Host
NAKATANI ...
PLEASE ...
IN
PLEASE...
I WANT TO GET AWAY FROM THAT NOISY COMMOTION ...

I SEE ...
BUT THAT'S WHAT HE ASKED US ...
SORRY ...

THERE'S NOTHING THAT WE CAN DO ABOUT THAT...
WELL...

I HAVE TO SAY...
BUT...

YES ...
SIT DOWN FOR NOW...!

FOR A MAN ABOUT TO RISK HIS LIFE AND FIGHT...
REALLY?

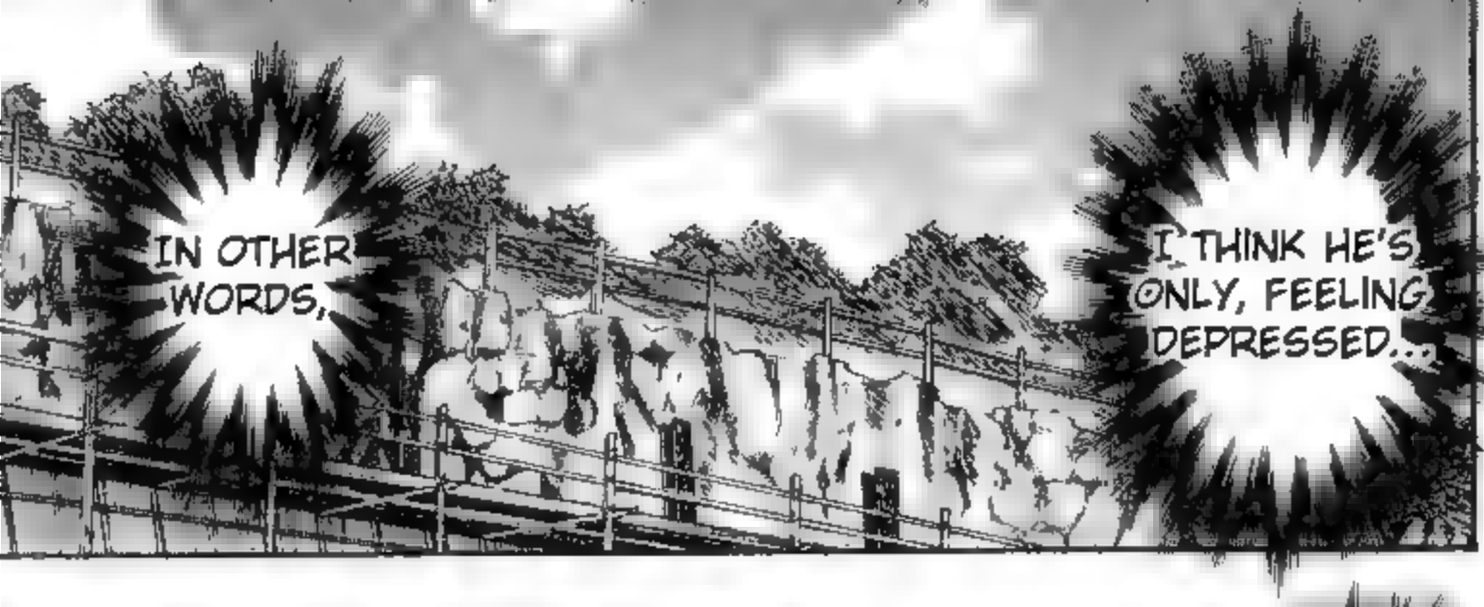
MEEK AND DISINTERESTED ...
HE SEEMS RATHER...

MR. KUROSAWA'S ATTITUDE IS A BIT WORRISOME...
HUH?

YEAH!
ISN'T THAT BETTER?
WHAT!?
ざわ…
WHAT…!?
BY HIS ATTITUDE…!
I WAS REALLY QUITE MOVED,

CALM JUST BEFORE THE STORM
HE'S LIKE A MASTER SWORDSMAN..
EXACTLY!
I THOUGHT TO MYSELF, NOW THAT'S A PERSON WHO'S READY TO FACE DEATH…!

BUT…
I DON'T THINK THAT'S HOW IT IS…
I HOPE THAT'S THE CASE…
WELL…
MNN…


IN OTHER WORDS,
I THINK HE'S ONLY FEELING DEPRESSED...

MR.AKA-MATSU ...!
HE'S SCARED ...!

TO BE HONEST,
WHAT IS IT?
HMM?
I'VE HAD THIS BAD FEELING LIKE SOME SORT OF PREMONITION...

MY HEART FEELS VERY UNEASY...!
2:30 PM
ENTRANCE OF FUJISAKI MIDDLE SCHOOL
?
?
FIRE
GUH!

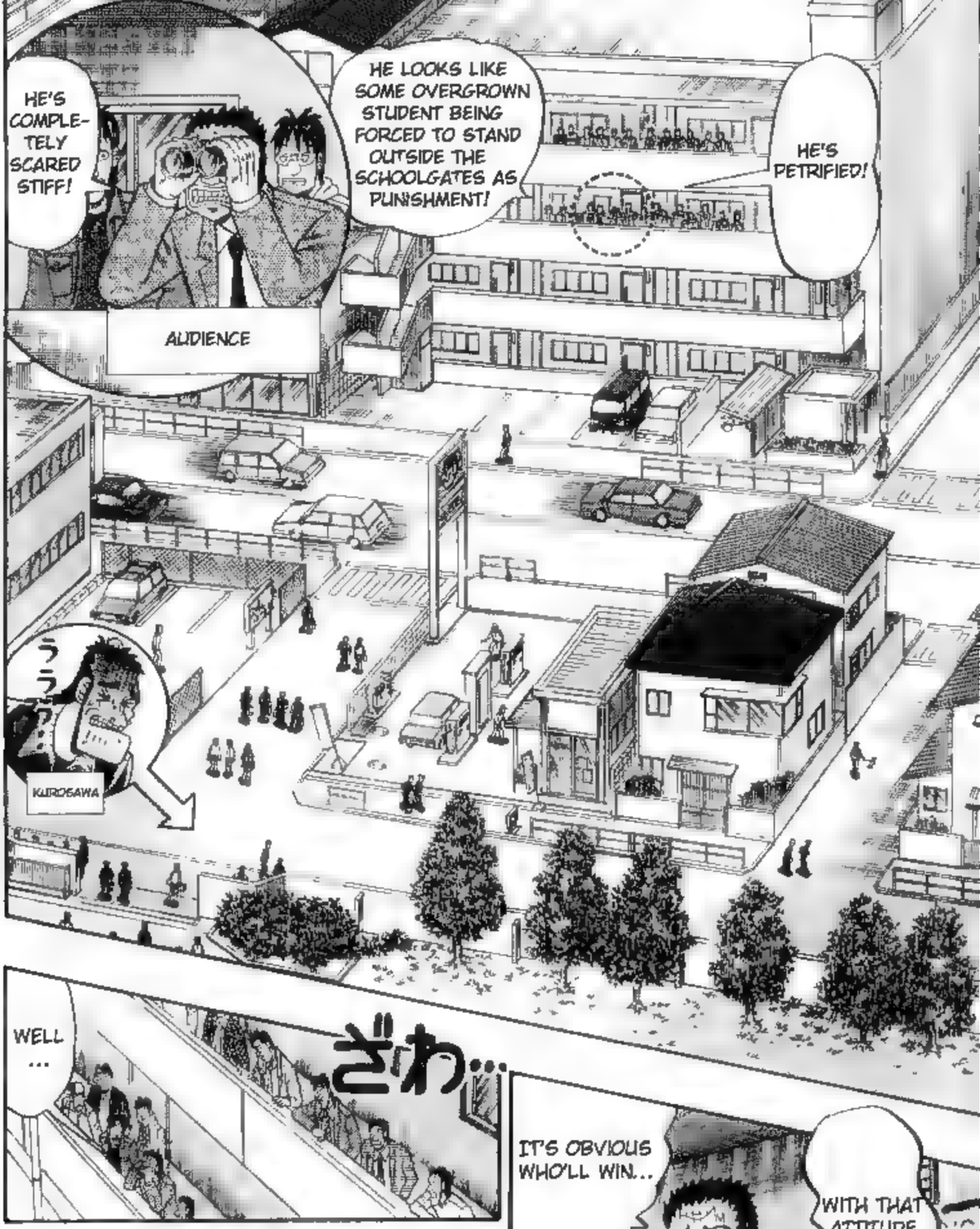
IS GETTING TIGHTER AND TIGHTER BY THE MINUTE!

HOW'D I GET MYSELF INTO THIS MESS!?
FIRA
AGHHHH!
FIRA
IS HUMAN!
TO FIGHT,

COMPLETELY WRONG!
BUT I WAS...
FIRA
I SPOUTED ALL THAT BULLSHIT BACK THERE,

A HUMAN'S STILL A HUMAN!
EVEN IF YOU DON'T FIGHT,
FIRA

IDIOT!
IDIOT!
IDIOT!
YOU IDIOT!
YOU'RE SUCH A GODDAMN IDIOT!
9
LOOK...
うう?
IS WRONG WITH ME...!?
WHAT THE HELL ....
うううっ...
THERE'S NO INTIMIDATING AURA ABOUT HIM AT ALL...
IT'S AS I SAID...!
THAT'S NOT A MAN READY TO FIGHT...


HE'S COMPLE-TELY SCARED STIFF!
HE LOOKS LIKE SOME OVERGROWN STUDENT BEING FORCED TO STAND OUTSIDE THE SCHOOLGATES AS PUNISHMENT!
HE'S PETRIFIED!
AUDIENCE
うう?
KUROSAWA

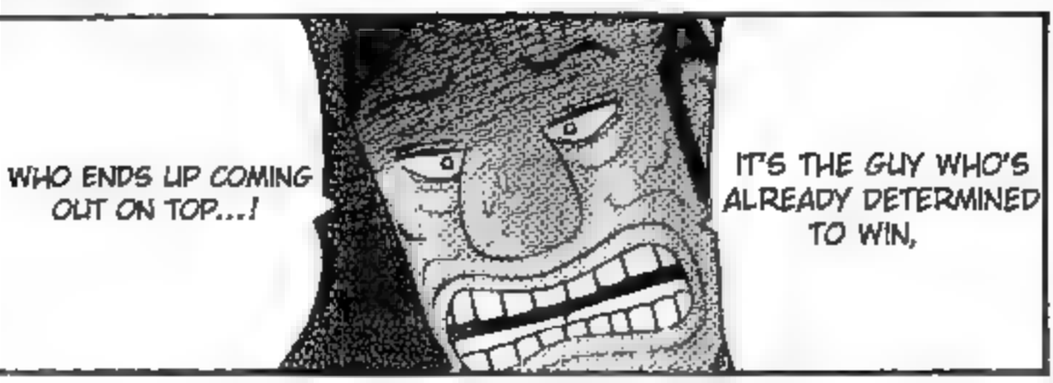
WELL ...
ざわ...

IT'S OBVIOUS WHO'LL WIN...
WITH THAT ATTITUDE,

IT'S STILL NOT CERTAIN...
EVEN THOUGH I SAY THAT,

HIS FEELINGS, I MEAN!
CHANGE ...?
?
IT CAN STILL CHANGE ...

IF THAT DOESN'T HAPPEN,
THE LIGHT OF DETERMINATION IS LIT INSIDE HIM THE INSTANT BEFORE THE FIGHT ...!
AS LONG AS
IT REALLY DOESN'T MATTER HOW HE FEELS RIGHT NOW,

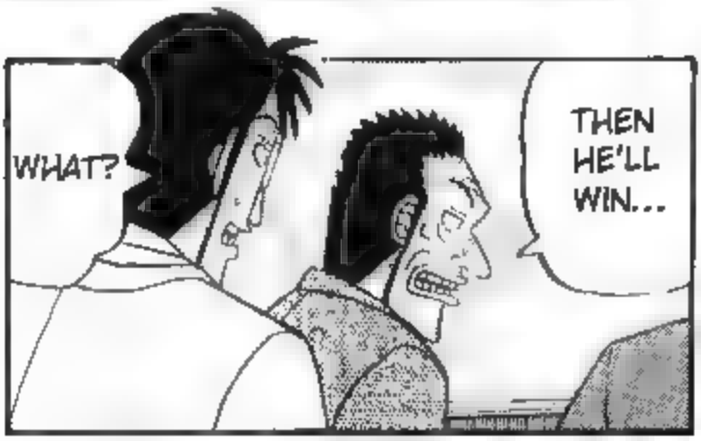

WHO ENDS UP COMING OUT ON TOP...!
IT'S THE GUY WHO'S ALREADY DETERMINED TO WIN,

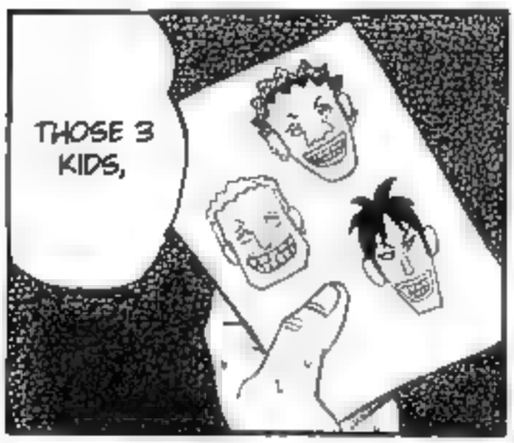
IN A FIGHT,
THEN IT'S ALL OVER..

WHAT IF...
HUH?
WHAT IF HE DOES BECOME DETERMINED?
BUT WITH THE WAY HE IS RIGHT NOW...

TAKASHI!

MR. KUROSAWA DOES BECOME DETERMINED TO WIN..?


WHAT?
THEN HE'LL WIN...


THOSE 3 KIDS,

ACCOR-DING TO THE STORY,

YEAH ....
REALLY ?

BUT ...

REALLY!?
HE'LL WIN..

SO AS LONG AS HE'S FULLY DETERMINED TO WIN..
ARE A HEAD SHORTER THAN MR. KUROSAWA,

IT'S COMPLE-
TELY IMPOSSI-
BLE IF HE HAS
TO TAKE ON
ALL 3 OF
THEM AT
ONCE...!
WHAT
...?
THAT'S ONLY
IF THE FIGHT'S
1 ON 1...
OR
TOGETHER
...
COME OUT
ONE BY ONE,
SO IT ALL
DEPENDS
IF THOSE
3 PEOPLE,
ざわ...
AND...
THEN
HE'LL
BE AT A
CLEAR
DISADV-
ANTAGE
...!
IF THEY COME
OUT TOGETHER,
THEN
THERE'S
THE
MATTER
OF
WEAPONS
...

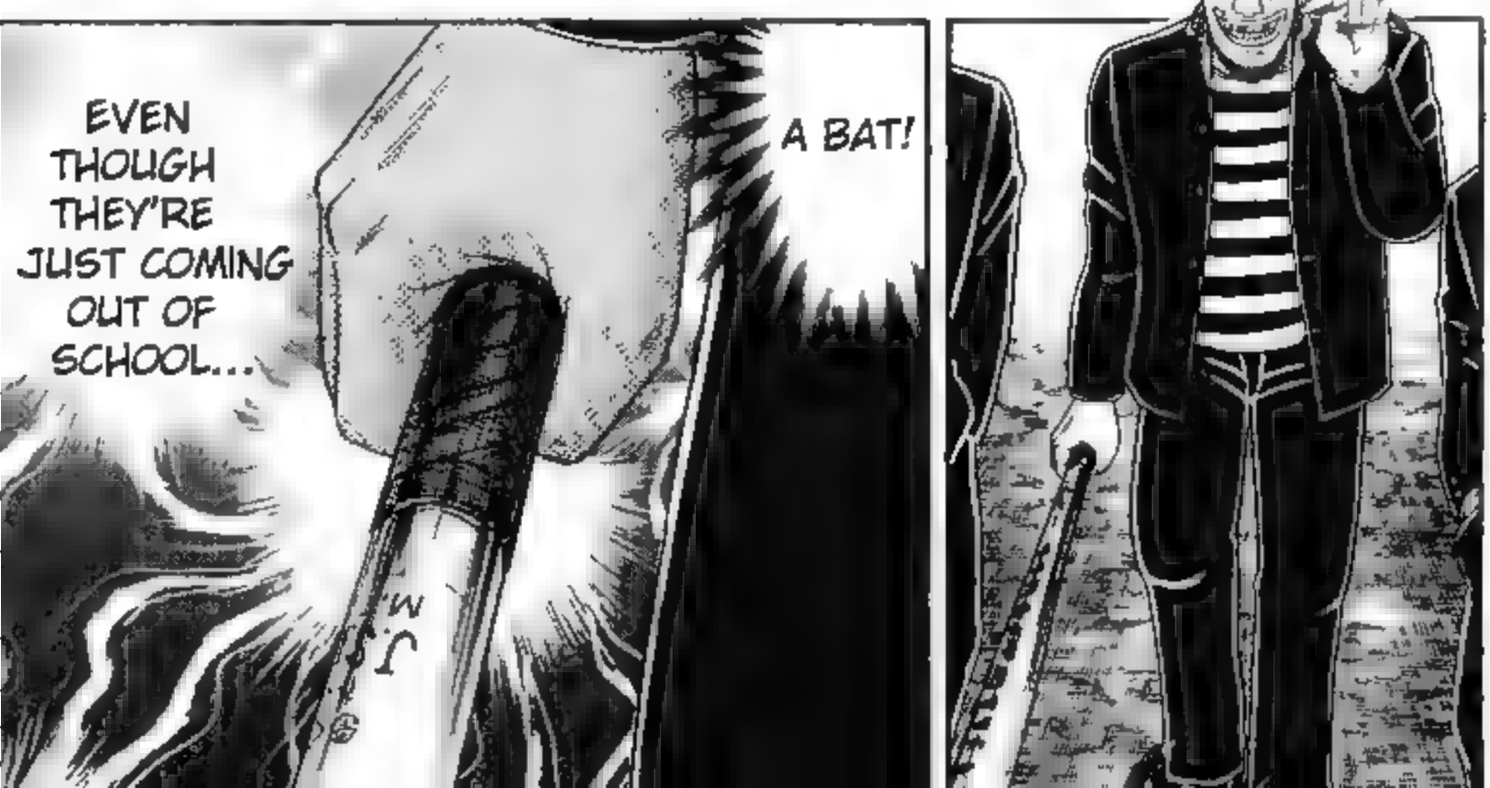
ざわ…
THEN IT'LL BE EVEN HARDER TO WIN …!
IF THE ENEMIES COME WITH ANYTHING THEY CAN USE AS WEAPONS…

HERE!
THEY ARE …
AHH…
WILL COMPLETELY CHANGE IF THAT'S THE CASE!
THE SITUATION,

GIVE ME THAT!
AGH!
REALLY !?
THEY LOOK EXACTLY LIKE THE PICTURES!

ALL 3 OF THEM!

AND THAT'S NOT ALL ...
GUH ...
ざわ…


EVEN THOUGH THEY'RE JUST COMING OUT OF SCHOOL...
A BAT!

LUCK'S ABANDONED HIM!
AGHHH!!
ざわ
THEY'VE GOT A BASE BALL BAT!

THIS IS THE WORST-CASE SCENARIO...!
WHAT'LL HE DO...?

OH NO!

ざわ…

ざわ…

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CHAPTER 25: REUNION

AND A BASE-BALL BAT...!

3 OF THEM TOGE-THER,

HOMERUN

WORST CASE SCEN-ARIO!

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IT'S THE ABSOL-UTE,

MISTER …

藤山

MISTER ...!

NO,

IS HE ...

WAIT...

IF YOU THINK ABOUT IT,

HE STILL HAS A CHANCE ...!

YEAH ...

REALLY!?

LUCKILY,

HE COULD WIN...!?

SO THEN ...

WHAT!?

TO STEAL HIS BAT...

AND MANAGES,

THAT PUNK WITH THE BAT FIRST,

IF HE ATTACKS,

SO...

THE ENEMIES ONLY HAVE ONE BAT...!

COULD NEVER DREAM OF THAT HAPPENING!

THOSE PUNKS,

ごわ…

THEN HE CAN STILL WIN!

THAT'S RIGHT!

TO BE WAITING OUTSIDE THEIR SCHOOL 3 DAYS LATER...

SOME OLD MAN THEY BEAT UP LAST FRIDAY,

THEY'D NEVER EXPECT,

HE'S GOT NO OTHER CHOICE...

IT'S STILL POSSIBLE!

I SEE, I SEE!

A SURPRISE ATTACK!

THEN HE HAS TO!

IF HE CAN LAUNCH A SURPRISE ATTACK,

AND THEY EVEN HAVE A BAT ...

HE'S UP AGAINST ALL 3 OF THEM AT ONCE,

ON SECOND THOUGHT,

MNN...

HE'S GOT NO OTHER CHOICE...!

EVEN IF HE WANTS TO CATCH THEM BY SURPRISE,

WHY!?

WHAT ...!?

I THINK THAT MIGHT BE IMPOSS-IBLE...

WHA!?

THAT THE ENEMIES ARE NEARING HIM ...!

HE HIMSELF DOESN'T KNOW...

DAMN ...

SNAP OUT OF IT!

COME ON, SIR!

KUROSAWA

ENEMIES

HE'S GOING TO LOSE HIS CHANCE,

AT THIS RATE,

MNN...

YOU KNOW,

AND BE FORCED TO FACE THEM HEAD ON...

HE'S OFF IN A WORLD OF HIS OWN RIGHT NOW ...

IT SEEMS LIKE,

THEN HE'LL BE BEATEN AGAIN...!

IF HE MESSES UP NOW ...

UGH!

MISTER!

COME ON, YOU GOTTA ATTACK THEM BY SURPRISE!

KUROSAWA

EARTH

DO I FEEL SO HELP-LESS...

WHY...

I'M DRIFTING THROUGH SPACE...

I FEEL AS IF...

ALL ALONE...!

GUH!

UU...!

WHAT THE HELL!?

AND GOING OFF ON MY OWN...

BUT AFTER LEAVING THEM,

I FELT ALRIGHT ENOUGH ...

BACK THEN WHEN I WAS WITH THEM,

GREW IN THE BLINK OF AN EYE ...

OF MY HEART...

THAT SMALL DOUBT AND UNEASINESS,

A SEA OF DARK-NESS!

AND NOW IT'S LIKE

OOO

ALL MY BAD MEMORIES,

ARE RUSHING BACK...!

I FEEL LIKE I'M GOING TO DROWN IN THIS DARK SEA...!

THOSE BASTARDS...

DAMN IT...

DEMONS!

THEY'RE PSYCHOTIC...!

WHEN HITTING SOME STRANGER IN THE HEAD WITH A BAT...

DON'T EVEN FLINCH

I'M SUCH AN IDIOT!

DAMN IT,

WEARING THE SKINS OF HUMANS!

THEY'RE NOTHING BUT DEMONS!

TO MEET THESE DEMONS AGAIN...!?

WHY THE HELL DID I FORCE MYSELF,

NOO!

GUHOBI!

GODDAMN IT!

WAIT A MINUTE!

WAIT...!!

...AH!

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TODAY IS A MONDAY ...

THEY MIGHT NOT BE HERE AT SCHOOL TODAY!

JUST MAYBE...

THAT'S RIGHT!

FIRA

WHY WOULD THOSE PUNKS,

THAT'S RIGHT!

FIRA

OUT OF ALL OTHER DAYS OF THE WEEK ...!

THE DAY THAT NOBODY WANTS TO WORK,

AT SCHOOL TOD...

BOTHER TO EVEN SHOW UP,

HE SAW THEM COMING!
HE SAW THEM!
HE SAW!
AHH!
MNN ...
HE'S PASSED THE FIRST HURDLE ...!
ALRIGHT!
IT'S HIS HEART...
FROM HERE...?
THE REAL PROBLEM STARTS FROM HERE!
BUT ...
IF HE STILL DOESN'T FEEL LIKE FIGHTING,
AFTER SEEING THE ENEMIES APPROACHING,
THEN IT'S ALL OVER FOR HIM...!

LIKE A HUNTER

HE HAS TO COME OUT CHARGING!

IN THEIR WORDS

MAKING AFTER HIS PREY.

IS BASICALLY A PREEMPTIVE STRIKE,

A SURPRISE ATTACK

THERE'S NO ROOM FOR HESITATION.

LIKE A CHEETAH OF THE SAVANNAH!

HE PLANS AMBUSH!

OH! A CHEETAH AFTER HIS PREY!

THAT'S RIGHT!

A CHEETAH?

THEN,

NEARS A CERTAIN DISTANCE ...

AND ONCE THE PREY,

HE STRIKES WITHOUT A MOMENT'S HESITATION!

AH...

I SEE ...

IF HE CAN'T GET HIMSELF IN THAT MIND-SET, THEN IT'S ALL OVER...!

HE'S SQUATTING DOWN!

AH...

MOVING!

HE'S...

AH!

.....

SQUAT-TING DOWN ...!

THE CHEETAH IS...

MISTER ...!

FOR THEM TO APPEAR ...

GUESS HE WASN'T READY.

NGHHH ...

ごわ・・・

ごわ・・・

IS PRETTY MUCH OUT OF THE QUESTION NOW...

A SURPRISE ATTACK,

BUT...

COME ON, SIR!

HE'S LETTING HIS CHANCE SLIP BY...

AT THE LAST MOMENT ...!

TURN HIMSELF AROUND,

HE JUST MIGHT,

WHAT MIGHT HAPPEN ...!

YOU NEVER KNOW,

AHH!

THEY'VE PASSED HIM!

HE'S GOING TO ATTACK!

THAT LOOK IN HIS EYE...

WAIT!

NO,

NOO...

AGHHH!

FROM BEHIND ...!

HE'S GOING TO ATTACK THEM.

HUH?

WHAT ...?

NEVER MIND...

NO.

WHAT IS IT?

AH!

AHHH!!

GUH!

I REMEMBERED!

UUU...

HE REMEMBERED ME!

IT'S THIS BASTARD!

HUH...?

IT'S THAT OLD MAN, FROM THAT TIME!

HUH?

OLD MAN?

WHAT'D YOU MEAN?

YOU NOW, FROM THAT TIME WE WERE OUT WITH SHIZUKA...

GUH!

DAMN IT!

GUH!

I HAVE TO FIGHT...

THERE'S NO CHOICE ■OW!

IT'S TIME FOR YOUR PUN-ISH-MENT!

AGHHH!

HEY, YOU!

I HAVE TO FACE THEM HEAD ON ...!

WAIT-
ING
TOO
LONG
!!!

HOPE I
DIDN'T
KEEP
YOU
PUNKS,

?

AHHH!

?

?

DAMN IT!

I WAS THE ONE WHO WAS WAITING FOR THEM!

UHH...

?

WHA? WHAT'S GOING ON?

オ…オロ…

オタ…

オタ…

DAMN, DAMN, DAMN!

?

?

?

BUT...

I DON'T KNOW...

THIS DAMN GEEZER RUN AWAY ...!

I'M NOT GOING TO LET,

HE'S READY TO FIGHT!

LOOKS LIKE,

HE'S FIGHTING!

わっ

SIR!

MR. KURO-SAWA!

YOU CAN DO IT,

COME ON!

ALRIGHT, FIGHT!

BUT IT'S GOING TO BE TOUGH ...

IT'LL BE HARD TO PULL A VICTORY ...!

THE ODDS ARE AGAINST HIM...!

zawa...

zawa...

ZAWANONS

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Chapter 20's finally out, the staff for this was busy with personal matters.

Also, the manga does "pick up" from here on - so don't miss out! =]

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